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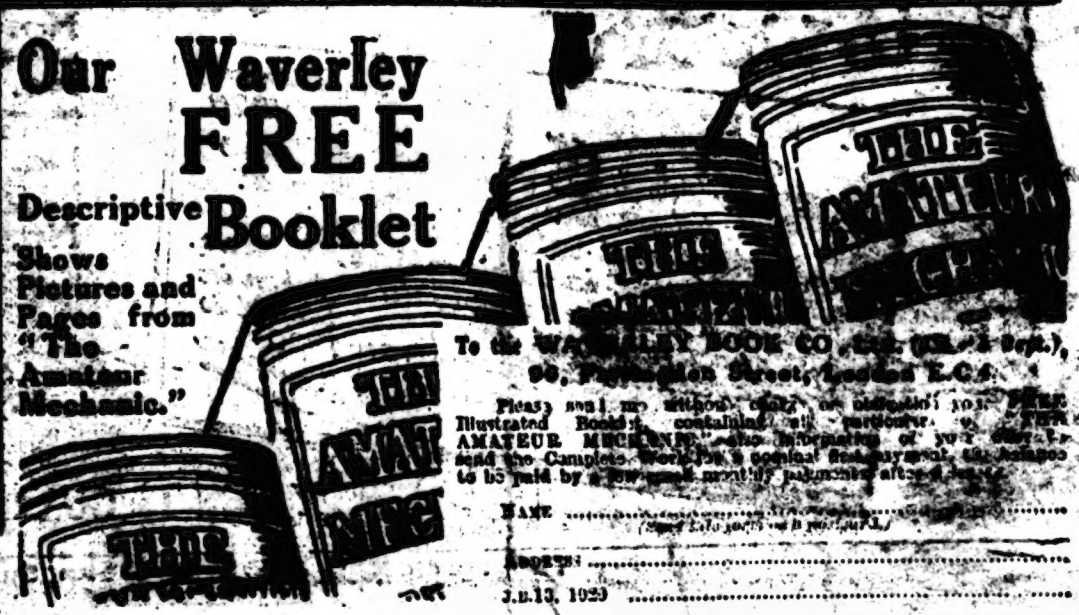

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

"General Townshend, M.P."

We are not unmindful of the old adage not to prophesy unless you know—we are writing prior to the declaration of the poll—but somehow or other we feel it in our bones that at 2.30 to-day (Wednesday) we shall arrive at the House of Commons with General Sir Charles Townshend, the honourable and gallant Member for the Wrekin Division of Shropshire.

An Unhappy Phrase.

One of poor Mr. Duncan's principal slogans in the Wrekin by-election was:—"It is with Labour that hope *lies* for to-morrow." The *italics*, of course, are ours. But what a boon a sense of humour would be to some of our politicians!

Marshall Hall and Parliament.

A strong effort is being made to induce Sir Edward Marshall Hall to return to Parliament. The distinguished advocate, however, expresses himself as sick of the political game. But there is still the Independent group!

A Public Defender.

Recent events have drawn renewed attention to the necessity for a Public Defender, and we hope next Session to get our Bill through. It is scandalous that an accused person should be ruined in establishing his innocence.

The Editor at Oxford.

It has been decided that the subject for debate at the Oxford Union Society on the occasion of our visit on December 2nd, shall be "That this house would deplore a return to Party politics." We trust the "Ayes" will have it.

That Unknown Sailor.

Our plea for the State burial of an Unknown Sailor has stirred the hearts of many bereaved parents, who express the hope that next Armistice Day, if not before, the Navy should be honoured in the same way as the Army has been. As one of our readers says, "No mother of a sailor can confuse the memory of our splendid Unknown Soldier with that of *her* boy."

Preaching and Practice.

The Archbishop of Canterbury thinks the time has arrived when we should pray for a brotherhood among all nations—of course, including Germany; a rally "to the spiritual ideals which are the only source of abiding peace." Meanwhile, America is getting on with the building of that Navy which, "in effective fighting power," will give it world primary. Simple Archbishop!

That Million Shillings.

On another page will be found particulars of our scheme to raise one million shillings for distribution amongst the Mayors of the United Kingdom, to enable them to entertain ex-Service men at Christmas. We confidently appeal to our readers for their support.

The New Licensing Bill.

We have tabled a motion for the rejection of this egregious measure—clearly designed to secure the continuance of a purely war-time enactment, and one even at that strictly limited to accelerating the output of munitions. More anon.

"JOHN BULL'S"

BOXING CARNIVAL

All roads will lead to the Albert Hall on Friday night, November 26, when "JOHN BULL'S" Boxing Boys will meet some of the champions.

Mr. BOTTOMLEY and General TOWNSHEND will be there.

Adding Insult to Injury.

A case has just come to our notice in which the War Office—in informing the parents of a soldier that he had been blown to pieces by the explosion of a large shell, and that nothing of his remains or property had ever since been seen—in remitting the balance of pay due to him, actually deducted two pounds "for his burial." We must have a word with Mr. Churchill about this.

Why Not a Poll-Tax?

Everyone going into America has to pay a poll-tax. Why not institute a similar duty for everyone coming to these shores—to be collected through the Shipping Companies? It is estimated that a million Americans come over here every summer, and at £5 a head that would mean £5,000,000 towards repayment of our debt to them.

A Notable Maiden Speech.

Congratulations to Col. Grant Morden, M.P., on his long-delayed maiden speech. That was a fine quotation from Macaulay with which he concluded—about the duty of rulers to "leave Capital to find its most lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural reward; to preserve peace, protect property, and observe the strictest economy in every department of the State."

Asking for Trouble.

Whoever is responsible for that short-sighted and muddle-headed resolution of over 70 representatives of County Councils and boroughs, not to pay the Police bonus proposed by the Home Secretary to meet increases in the cost of living?

India.

We again warn the authorities that grave trouble is brewing in India; and unless Gandhi is laid by the heels without further delay, we shall soon have a second Ireland in our Eastern Empire. We know what we say.

An Official Compliment.

The other day we received a letter from Malta, containing a postal order for 10s. for our "Greatest of These——" Fund, and simply directed to "The Soldiers' and Sailors' M.P., London." And on the envelope the postal authorities had written: "Try Mr. Bottomley's address." Mr. Illingworth is not such a dull Postmaster-General after all.

Sir Park Goff's Quotation.

Several readers have told us that the correct rendering of the verse recently given by Sir Park Goff, M.P., as his favourite quotation, should be: "If wisdom's ways you would early seek, Five things observe with care—To whom you speak, Of whom you speak, And how and when and where." We are given to understand that these lines appear on a tombstone in the cemetery of St. Nicholas Church, Tooting.

Coveting the Indies.

A Jamaica reader has sent us a copy of the *Daily Gleaner*, from which we gather that America undoubtedly has its eye on our West Indies Colony, even the books used in the schools being decorated with the American flag and their covers ornamented with the portrait of the President and the picture of an American soldier hoisting his flag, to the great admiration of the natives of the Philippines—and with American national songs printed in the books. We must watch Jamaica.

"Combing Out the Police."

"With a view to liberating a large number of young men who have joined the Police since August, 1914, and who are known as 'War Babies,' why not fall back on members of the Force who have been pensioned off, say, during the last five years?" (JOHN BULL, 9th December, 1916). Oh, that it should have been necessary to make so obvious a suggestion—and that these gallant veterans should ultimately have been so badly treated!

Truth and Wells.

The opinions and conclusions Mr. H. G. Wells expresses and arrives at in his weekly articles on Russia under Bolshevism should be accepted only with the greatest possible reserve by the British public. With all regard to his outstanding intellect, it was manifestly impossible for him to acquire sufficient knowledge of the working of Bolshevism in the brief period of a fortnight's trip. Truth is said to reside in a well; but it by no means follows that, as regards Bolshevism, it resides in Wells.

All Cotton.

Once more Coats's, with their just-declared £4,000,000 profits, and still charging the poor seamstress 10d. a reel, are to be investigated by a Committee of the House of Commons. The last Committee gave them a lovely character, and as good as kissed the Book on the fact that, so far as profiteering is concerned, the firm have led a godly, righteous and sober life. Unless Coats's luck is out, the Committee now concerned will probably present them with a handsome testimonial for what they have done in the Great War.

Astor v. Bingley.

A pretty little dispute has arisen between Lady Astor and Mr. Bingley, Magistrate at the Tower Bridge Police Court. Lady Astor declared, the other day in the House that the Magistrates approved of the Juvenile Courts (Metropolis) Bill now before Parliament, and that the probation officers also supported it. Both these statements Mr. Bingley has flatly denied, saying most emphatically that Magistrates unanimously disapproved of the Bill, and that their objections were endorsed by every woman probation officer in London. Lady Astor should really verify her statements before trying to impose them on a free and enlightened House of Commons as facts.

Jobs at Geneva.

Besides having his travelling expenses paid and his household furniture delivered free of charge, this is how the money goes to an ordinary staff clerk attached to the League of Nations at Geneva, with, say, a wife and two children. Salary, £182 a year; maintenance money at £1 a day, £365; maintenance for wife, £365; maintenance for two children, £365; total, £1,277. It has since been explained that these arrangements are intended only to apply until said clerk has settled down in his own home. We should say he won't be in any hurry to settle. Meanwhile thousands of officers and men who won the war are literally begging their bread.

Addison's Addle.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Houses, is a dab hand at addling his own eggs, but that is not a reason why he should be so eager to addle other people's. Mr. Ormsby-Gore's amendment to the Housing Bill—that local authorities should have power to commandeer houses of a less rent than £100 if vacant for three months—covered large ground and was good; Dr. Addison's own amendment, on which he insisted—that the limit in London should be £35 per annum—is no good, for the simple reason, and he knows it, that no such houses are vacant. A large empty house, of which there are many, can often easily be made to accommodate three or four small families; a small house, even if vacant, can accommodate only one. The clause as it now stands is useless.

Easily Answered.

"SUGGESTIONS WANTED by ex-officer (woman) for all-absorbing and soul-satisfying work," reads an advertisement in the *Times* "agony" column. What about marriage and motherhood?

"Les Visas pour Irriter."

According to a Parliamentary answer by Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, while the amount received as fees for British passport visas for the six months ending September 30th was £95,000, the estimated yearly cost of the staff employed is £120,000. The passport system cannot, therefore, be recommended on the ground of revenue, so that we have yet another reason for the abolition of the present cumbrous and unnecessarily irritating methods.

A Grievous Grind.

First in Manchester, and later in Liverpool, has appeared on the streets a masked organ-grinder wearing decorations of the D.C.M. and the M.C., also the decoration of a wooden leg. He is admittedly a pre-war officer who resigned his commission in March, 1914, to go tea planting in Ceylon. He rejoined as a private early in the war, shedding part of his anatomy on the field, and is now playing a hurdy-gurdy for lack of another job. It is not an edifying spectacle, nor the only one of its kind. Scores of our war heroes are doing this grievous grind on the streets to fill hungry mouths. We maintain it is a disgrace to the country.

TOO GOOD TO BE MISSED

"The Passing Pageant" by David Wilson, a powerful cartoon by George Whitelaw and the pick of the week's humour in line, prose and verse in this week's

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How They Grow.

Often those who rail against Trade Unionism are the persons largely responsible for its growth. In a recent issue of the *Reading Standard* appeared the following:—"WANTED for Reading, Under-Gardener, two acres and glass, highest references, no Trade Unionist accepted; wages, 36s. p.w., no cottage." Private gardeners, as a class, have something of the spirit of the family retainer, and are not specially keen on Labour organisation. But advertisements such as the above have the effect of driving them into Trade Unionism for sheer self-protection.

The Stuff to Give 'em.

Mr. Justice Rigby Swift the other day considered the case of two ruffians. One of them met a man in the street and asked him for a light. While he was complying with the request he received a heavy blow in the face. Two other men then came up behind, pinioned his hands, and tried to rifle his pockets. He shook himself free, but was left unconscious on the ground. There were other cases against the two apprehended, and Mr. Justice Rigby Swift sent one down to five years' penal servitude, the other receiving nine months' hard and twenty-four of the cat. With our hand on our heart we can say, That's the stuff to give 'em!

Telephone Trifling.

As the telephone service decreases in efficiency it increases in cost. The latest official proposal is that conversations with all places more than five miles from London are to be treated as trunk calls. This means not only higher charges but greater delays in "getting through." Oh, for a Business Government!

The Panel.

Dr. Thomas Dutton, writing in the *Medical Times*, fully endorses an opinion often expressed in these columns:—"The Panel System has been proved a failure—neither beneficial to the doctor nor patient. It is extraordinary why the Trade Unions do not agitate for the repeal or reform of the Insurance Act." The reform he suggests is free choice of doctors, with payment for work actually done. Thousands of skilled medical men would willingly co-operate, though not receiving full fees.

The Unchanged Hun.

We know that the Germans still glory in the crime of the *Lusitania*, but even a Hun might realise that the recollection of that atrocity is hardly helpful to the sale of his wares in England. Yet the Honos Company, of Berlin, makers of musical instruments, have the ghoulish effrontery to advertise, in a catalogue apparently distributed broadcast to British traders, a "Lusitania" mouth organ, with the name of the ill-fatal Cunarder boldly engraved on it. The proper use for such merchandise would be to shove it down the throats of its makers.

Flat Catchers.

William Bacher, of 12, Theobalds Road, is still making his usual calm request to flat-seekers for 8s. down and a like sum when suited. William Johnson, 107, Charlotte Street, W.1, is, too, advertising a flat of three rooms. Except that his fee is 10s., his circulars are a dead copy of Bacher's, whilst his signature bears an extraordinary resemblance to that of the Theobalds Road trickster. Johnson has one room at 107, Charlotte Street, with only a typist visible. *Verb. sap.*

Poor Devil!

A case at Gloucester Assizes can be condensed in a few words. Pimble, disabled and suffering from shell-shock, aged 34, with a wife and three children, was appointed Assistant Overseer at Stow-on-the-Wold—salary £15 per annum! He knew nothing of his duties, was utterly inexperienced, and the books and accounts worried him. So they went all wrong, and poor Pimble was indicted on various charges. His defence was to admit incompetence and mistakes, but to deny dishonesty. It did not take the jury long to find him Not Guilty. But, imagine it—a sick man keeping wife and family on 5s. 9d. a week!

Presents and Pensions.

Most people will not be short of sympathy for an old man of 81 who, at Warminster Petty Sessions, has been fined £1 for telling what the Customs and Excise evidently regard as a woeful whopper. Briefly, the old chap "stated he had only 7s. 6d. a week coming in besides his pension, whereas he had 12s." He forgot to mention small presents given to him from time to time by the Duchess of Somerset to help him along as a pensioner of the family estate. The Magistrates decided that a present was means under the Old Age Pensions Act; so we shall have to be very careful when we reach three score years and ten.

Local Limerick.

(*At Wareham, George Squibb, charged with attempted suicide, had immersed himself in the sea, but, owing to his corpulency, was unable to stay beneath the surface.*)

There's a man at whom fate seems to scoff;
His "too solid flesh" he would doff,
But his fat, when he tried,
Was returned by the tide—
A damp Squibb that wouldn't go off!

American "Scotch."

When is the Ministry of Food going to start prosecuting distillers and others in the trade whose alleged "Scotch" or "Irish" consists largely of cheap and nasty American spirit? The practice is not confined to the smaller and less reputable firms.

Yet Another One.

Another stunt to catch the unwary is practised by, amongst others, Albert Fletcher, 93, White Abbey Road, Bradford. A reader sent him 2d. for his advertised offer of evening employment, and received in return an envelope bearing a halfpenny stamp. It contained a printed circular asking for 1s. 3d. for a "handbook" on "Money-Making at Home." It is a "have" of the most barefaced type.

"Growed Up."

When the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries first sat down in Lowestoft it was content with one room. It "growed" so fast that it was soon in palatial buildings, with staff to match. Now it has broken out in a new spot—to wit, a research department or biological section—and has acquired two large boarding-houses, containing about forty rooms, to accommodate the same; all this expensive flim-flam to find where the fish are. Where there are fish there are fishermen, who don't want a "department" to tell 'em how to do their job.

"Rot!"

The unemployed ex-soldiers of Hove have no friend in Councillor Greenyer. Recently he declared that "It is time we should stop this appalling rot about ex-Service men." What an observation to let fall two days before the burial of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey! Shakespeare might have had such a character in mind when he wrote: "Blow, thou winter wind, thou are not so unkind as man's ingratitude."

"Poor Little Kiddies."

In our issue of March 20th last, we referred, under the above heading, to a terrible case of child torture in Demerara, the facts being of so revolting a character that we were moved to language of the sternest censure. We regret that, incidentally, we did some slight injustice to the Coroner (Mr. W. J. Gilchrist, Stipendiary Magistrate), who held the inquiry into the poor child's death, it having been made to appear in the local Press that this gentleman had failed in his duty of censuring the fiendish cruelty of the poor little victim's unnatural mother. Having now seen a sworn copy of the evidence, together with the Coroner's summing-up of the case to the jury, we recognise that the local newspaper reports did him something less than justice, the jury's verdict being of such a nature as to preclude an adequate expression of the feelings no doubt entertained by Mr. Gilchrist—who has, as a matter of fact, frequently imposed severe sentences upon persons convicted of cruelty to children.

Our Christmas Gift Offer.

In accordance with our custom at this season of the year, in this issue will be found a Christmas Gift Coupon of the value of 1s., which will be accepted in part purchase of a JOHN BULL Pen. This boon will no doubt be much appreciated, and we would ask our readers to make their applications early to ensure receipt in good time for the festive season.

The Bar as Before.

A builder, needing a bricklayer, dared to take on a man with an honourable wound stripe. But he could not boast the distinction of belonging to the Bricklayers' Society, so the builder found his two other bricklayers withdrawn by the local branch. The "offender" was willing to join the Union, but was refused because he had once committed the sin of taking a job as bricklayer's labourer, sooner than walk about idle. He had to be discharged, as otherwise all Union labour would have been withdrawn. A pretty story!

More German Dumping.

After dyes, magnetos. Before the war the magneto was a German monopoly, but since 1914 over 14,000 workpeople have been trained to make them in England, and the British article is to-day equal to the best foreign product. Yet German magnetos are again being dumped at less than the actual cost of the raw material to the British maker, and half our 14,000 skilled hands are out of work, while the rest are on short time, although two official inquiries have decided that magneto-making is a key industry. Again are Government pledges but scraps of paper.

Private Enterprise Barred.

One reason why houses cannot be built more quickly is that private builders cannot get supplies of material. An example is that of a builder who has for months been trying to buy quantities of cement and housing tiles, but the wholesale trade is unable to deliver. A reason is vouchsafed by the Director of Building Materials Supply, who writes:—"Owing to the large demands being made upon the Department's stocks . . . by Local Authorities for their Housing Schemes, no assistance can be offered you." That is a cruel blow to the private builder. Also, it invites him to "Invest in Housing Bonds and help to cut your own throat."

Pity the Poor Traveller!

Whatever the Sunday evening opening hours of licensed premises are to be finally, there is urgent need for some fresh regulations with respect to the opening time on Sunday mornings. The pre-war rights of the legitimate traveller should by now have been restored to him. For many a hard-working man Sunday is the only day in the week on which he has an opportunity to refresh his soul and body by a trip into the country, whether on foot or bicycle. Why such a one should in most districts be compelled to wait until 12.30 before he can obtain a glass of ale and a crust of bread and cheese, is a problem that neither logic nor commonsense can solve. It is too absurd.

Another Record Football Prize.

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FROM its earliest days this journal has been a constant critic of the reformatory school system under which, often for offences of a most trifling character, growing boys and even quite young children are condemned to what is nothing less than imprisonment extending over long terms of years. Moreover, from time to time we have brought to light gross scandals in this connection calling, as we feel, for vigorous protest in the interest of common humanity.

This week we have to direct attention to a case of this nature—one, happily, not involving charges of deliberate brutality such as obtained in the notorious Akbar case, which our older readers will remember, but one none the less revealing a callous indifference to the sufferings of a poor boy, who, following some trumped-up charge of cigarette stealing, in support of which, as far as we can trace the records, there was never any real evidence, was committed less than two years ago to the Kibble Institution at Paisley the Scottish Reformatory where, our readers will remember, the boys were overworked and underfed a few years ago when engaged making munitions.

The poor boy—Harry Dryden—felt keenly the separation from his parents to whom, in point of fact, he was warmly attached, and his cup of bitterness was full when a few months after his arrival at Paisley he was sent by the school authorities to work at a laundry in the neighbourhood on a job far exceeding his strength and involving, as was to be proved, terrible danger. Hardly had his duties commenced when he met with a shocking accident, falling into a tank of boiling starch, and being scalded from the waist to the feet in such a manner as seriously to endanger his life. His injuries were terrible; his sufferings acute. We have seen photographs of the poor boy's body, taken during the later stages of his convalescence, which cannot be looked at without a shudder of revulsion. Whatever the poor lad had done, whatever punishment he had earned, this cruel ordeal, accidental as it was, might justly have been regarded as a full and complete expiation. But what was the attitude of the reformatory school authorities? Let us see.

At the moment, we prefer to say nothing of the general management of the Kibble Institution although on this score there are several complaints that we mean to investigate. Our immediate concern is with the case of Harry Dryden. Remember the boy had been at death's door; when he was visited by his father in the Alexandria Infirmary at Paisley, the doctor could give no hope of his recovery. He had suffered the most intense agony, and was in the last stages of exhaustion; yet when, after eleven weeks in hospital, he returned to the Kibble Institution, he appears to have received no better treatment than before his accident, to have enjoyed no relaxation of the iron discipline customary in these institutions, and to have endured hardships which might easily have undone all that medical care and nursing had been able to do for him.

In a delicate state of convalescence and suffering from the acute nerve-shock inseparable from a serious accident, he was again condemned to follow the treadmill of reformatory routine—sent out for exercise in the coldest weather with no special clothing, even wearing short trousers which left his scarred and burnt legs, still painfully tender to the touch, exposed to the worst climatic conditions. Although obviously devoted to their boy, the parents, who lived at Glasgow, were allowed only to visit him at the stated intervals prescribed by the rules of the Institution, and when the mother, surprised to find that the lad's legs were no longer bandaged, made certain suggestions to the Superintendent, and offered herself to provide more suitable clothing, she was given plainly to understand that the authorities would brook no interference with their despotic rule. In these circumstances, was it surprising that the poor woman—her heart bleeding for the sufferings of her boy—should have applied to the authorities for permission to take the lad home and nurse him for a time? But even this simple boon was refused. You see, the wild young desperado had at one time—or so the authorities alleged—stolen a packet of cigarettes—there is no other police record against him other than a technical breach of the Probation Act—and so, even though he had since fallen into a tank of boiling starch and been nearly burnt to death, there could be no question of mercy. Oh, dear no! The majesty of the law would not permit it. The sentence passed upon him by the Glasgow Magistrates was that he should remain at the Kibble Institution till he reached the age of 19 years, and not an iota of that stern penalty would the authorities abate—not even for one short month would they allow the poor child to return to his parents' home, there to enjoy a little of that domestic care and love for which during that cruel period of torture his whole being had craved.

Challenged to justify their harsh decision, the Home Office authorities thought fit to raise the usual plea that the lad's home circumstances were not such as to warrant his release, but as a result of careful inquiries we can find no evidence whatever in support of this assertion. It is, in fact, highly significant that, out of the slender wages earned by the father, the mother, at an appreciable cost, was willing to travel to Paisley at every available opportunity to see her son in the Infirmary, and to furnish him, to the extent that the management would allow, with such added comforts as he stood in need of. What is more, we have in our possession a letter from the boy to his parents couched in the warmest terms of affection. Therefore, our view is that the Reformatory School authorities, and the Home Office, with whom the ultimate appeal lay, have been guilty once again of a piece of wanton cruelty which goes to swell the heavy indictment we already have against them in respect of scandals involving the torture of British boys.

OUR MILLION SHILLINGS FUND.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

As indicated last week, it is our intention to raise a fund of one million shillings for distribution amongst the Mayors of the United Kingdom, to enable them at Christmas to entertain ex-Service men in their respective boroughs. Such a project surely requires no special pleading for. It is a practical method of showing our appreciation of what these gallant lads have done. We do not place any restriction upon the discretion of our almoners, leaving them to include the wives and children, if they themselves find it to be practicable, in the entertainment. Our work is to find the money. Now, will you help us to do this? As will be seen below, we have headed the list with 1,000 shillings, whilst the proprietors of the *National News* and the *Sunday Evening Telegram* (who are co-operating with us in our scheme) have each subscribed 500 shillings. Next week we hope to have a good list to publish.

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Proprietors of JOHN BULL, 1,000 shillings.
Proprietors of *National News*, 500 shillings.
Proprietors of *Sunday Evening Telegram*, 500 shillings.
"Anonymous Reader," 100 shillings.
General Sir Charles Townshend, 100 shillings.

DAMNED BY DOGS.

ABSURD REGULATIONS AT THE LABOUR EXCHANGE

In the Labour Bureau in Eastbourne is posted a notice which reads thusly: Dogs Not Allowed. Any person claiming out-of-work donation accompanied by a dog cannot be considered to be genuinely seeking work. Benefit will therefore be suspended from that date and the case reported to the Court of Referees for their decision." Who is this dog damner who writes like an ass and issues his bull like a sovereign pontiff? What power, we should like Dr. Macnamara to tell us, have a Court of Referees to refuse payment of out-of-work benefits to a man who calls at a Labour Exchange with a dog? Will it be all right if he calls around with a Government flapper, or will it be an impediment if he brings his mother? There are lots of fools in the world, and these Government Departments do get them. Fortunately the number of discharged soldiers and sailors now enlisting the aid of these stupid officials is less than formerly, and will, let us hope, before long dwindle to nothing; but it is to be admitted that in all too many cases these good fellows have been treated to nothing better than cold insolence by officials who presumably are occupying their time in the drafting of such childish regulations as that to which we call attention.

TIME TO PAY.

MAGISTRATES' GROTESQUE IMITATION OF MERCY.

Henry Fowler, of Yealmpton, is only an out-of-work labourer—aged 60. Since his discharge from the dockyard, last June, he has been unable to find another job, and all he and his wife have had to live upon is her Old Age Pension—for she is 72. For two days, the other week, they had only bread and water, and nothing on the Sunday. So Henry Fowler fell. He took a quantity of iron bolts and brass fittings, lying inside and outside an open shed. A policeman captured him, and he admitted the offence. At Yealmpton Petty Sessions, the Chairman said it was "serious," but they would "only impose a fine of £1—with time to pay." Is it not pitiful? Time to pay, indeed, graciously granted to a penniless, out-of-work old man! He might—and should—have been bound over. It was "serious," said the Chairman. And so it was. But not in the way he meant it. The offence was a minor one in comparison with the sentence imposed. We are pleased to be able to say that we have sent the devoted couple a grant from our "Greatest of These" Fund, which will remove from their necks the millstone of that monstrous fine, besides providing a few of the necessities which they so urgently require at the fag-end of their lives.

ARMY DOCTORS' BIG BLUNDER.

LIEUTENANT COMPLAINS OF HIS CRUEL CASE.

Lieutenant Newell, of the City of London Yeomanry, was mobilised in August, 1914, and subsequently served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France, where he was twice wounded. In February of the present year he was serving with the 60th Remount Squadron at Bulford Camp. About the middle of the month he reported sick to Captain J. D. Lewis, Medical Officer-in-Charge of the camp reception hospital. This officer informed him that he was suffering from stone in the bladder. His health not improving, he consulted Captain Huntley, Surgical Specialist at Tidworth Military Hospital, who confirmed the diagnosis, and intimated it would be necessary for him to undergo examination under anæsthetics. This examination was not made.

AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE.

The following Wednesday, however, Captain Catto, the bacteriologist to the hospital, examined him, and in the afternoon of that day the Lieutenant was informed by Captain Huntley that the bacteriological examination revealed that he was suffering from gonorrhœa, and that he was to be transferred to a hospital for this disease. As his request for further examination was refused, he sent a message to his Commanding Officer at Bulford, who came to see him, and informed Captain Huntley that some mistake must have been made. Despite this, the following day the unfortunate Lieutenant was removed to a separate ward at the top of the building and isolated. Time and time again he pleaded for an independent expert opinion. On each occasion, he says, Captain Huntley declined to accede to the request. At this time he was suffering acute pain, and as if to accentuate the mental distress he was undergoing in addition, Captain Huntley informed him that as soon as he was well enough to be moved he was to be transferred to the Military Hospital for Venereal Diseases at Hemel Hempstead. In view of the grave imputation, Mrs. Newell voluntarily submitted herself to the examination of Captain Huntley in the presence of Colonel Lloyd. The result proved that the lady had no trace of the disease. Captain Huntley still, however, refused to allow another examination of the husband.

TARDY VINDICATION.

Now comes the gravamen of the whole matter. On 18th March the Lieutenant was sent to the Military Hospital at Hemel Hempstead. This involved a journey of six hours, during which he says he suffered acute agony. On arrival he was examined by Captain Gibbons, R.A.M.C., and on the day following by Captain Armstrong with Captain Young, who informed him later in the day that the doctors could find no trace of the disease about him. A further bacteriological examination was made at the Rochester Row Military Hospital. This examination also proved negative, and as he was seriously ill, he was transferred to the General Military Hospital at Millbank. Here he was examined once more, this time by two doctors, who subsequently informed him that there could be no suggestion that he suffered from any such disease, his complaint being merely inflammation of the kidneys. The Lieutenant has appealed in vain to one high officer after another for the redress of his serious grievance. The Army Council, through the General Officer Commanding Salisbury Plain Area, say that no useful purpose would be served by an Inquiry "in view of the expert opinion and bacteriological examination by a specially skilled officer." Short of an appeal to the King, which Lieutenant Newell has a right to make, his only means of vindication is to let the public judge between himself and those officers whose blunder has so cruelly besmirched the good name he bears.

PITY AND PELF.

DISGRACEFUL ABUSE OF THE RED CROSS.

There are some emblems of so sacred a character that one can hardly conceive of a decent person prostituting them for purposes of private gain. In this category is the Red Cross, symbol both of Christianity and of pity for the pain and suffering of gallant men on the field of battle. Yet some people appear to see no impropriety in using the Cross as an advertising device. One such firm is at present advertising "Red Cross Pomade" for the hair by means of posters depicting an amorous couple in the act of embracing. The thing is an outrage, but happily there are legal means of stopping it, under the provisions of the Geneva Convention Act, 1911. It is significant that the War Office has just found it necessary to issue a warning against the unauthorised use both of the symbol itself and of the words "Red Cross," and we suggest that if such posters as we have described are not withdrawn from exhibition without delay, it is time that the machinery of the law were set in motion.

MORE MISPLACED SENTENCES.

SERIOUS OFFENCE, SMALL FINE IMPOSED.

The Hailsham Bench would seem to be unduly soft-hearted in dealing with a serious class of offence. They recently had before them two youths who were found guilty of suspending a thread across a country road at night, with the result that a motor-cyclist was caught across the face by it and forced backwards, although he was lucky enough not to be unseated. The youths were also lucky, inasmuch as they escaped with the trivial fine of thirty-five shillings. To argue that a severe punishment should not be inflicted merely because no great harm resulted, is equivalent to contending that a man convicted of attempted murder should be allowed to get off on payment of a paltry fine if the attempt miscarries. As a matter of fact, the consequences in this particular instance might well have been serious injury, even death, and it is unintelligible to us that the Magistrates should not have borne this obvious fact in mind. At this rate, causing serious bodily harm to motorists should be among the cheap and easily procurable amusements in the Eastbourne district.

MONEY FOR BRAINS.

RESULT OF OUR TWELFTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct forecast of the fourteen matches played on November 13th. The following nineteen competitors each sent a coupon with thirteen correct results:—

ALDRIDGE, L., 14, Tennyson Road, Lowestoft.
BUNCE, G. F., 6, Nelson Street, Lincoln.
CLARK, W., The Garage, "Careno," Hendon Avenue, Finchley, N.3.
EDBROOKE, F., 50, St. Werburgh's Park, Mina Road, Bristol.
FREEMAN, A. H., 19, Circular Road, S.E.1.
GOODALL, J., Tyrie, Fraserburgh.
GROOM, W., MRS., 18, Campbell Road, Finsbury Park, N.
HEATHMAN, H., 1, Pridham Road West, Thornton Heath.
HECKER, S., 30, Old Montague Street, Whitechapel, E
HODGES, J. E., 151, Milton Avenue, East Ham, E6
HORNE, S., 4, Albion Place, Southampton.
HOWELL, R. W., 29, Burgess Road, Basingstoke.
JONES, H. E., 18, East St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks.
KETTLER, R., H.M.S. *Vega*, c.o. G.P.O., London.
KIDD, E. S., 16, Mornington Road, Bolton.
PIERCE, C., 10, Anderson's Road, Southampton.
SCUDAMORE, C., 101, Calton Road, Bath.
THORPE, W., 17, Ashfield Road, Burnley.
WILLIAMS, J. S. C., 18, Jewel Road, Walthamstow.

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STATE ADDRESS BELOW

PRISONER AT THE BAR.—FRANCIS M. MEYNELL.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BULL.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Francis Meredith Meynell, with a wisdom sadly belied by your earlier actions, you have virtually entered a plea of "Guilty" to the very serious charges preferred against you at the Bar of this Court. Not that I can admit this in extenuation of your crimes, the facts being so notorious as to brook no denial. On an earlier indictment, it was my duty to pass sentence upon a Russian Soviet emissary, M. Kameneff—one who, for all his flagrant conduct, might at least plead that he owed no direct allegiance to the British Crown. Since then it has been proved that you, a British subject, have been trafficking with the arch-disturbers of Europe's peace, receiving from the hands of robbers and assassins vast sums of gold for the furtherance of revolutionary propaganda in Great Britain. Among those early charges against you is that of having received £75,000 for the use of the *Daily Herald*, with a further count of receiving stolen diamonds. Before we go farther, would you care to say anything on this aspect of the case?

PRISONER: I cannot believe, my Lord, that you will condemn me out of hand. Surely my whole record proves me incapable of vulgar intrigue. If I have had a fault, it has lain in excessive devotion to abstract principle, and a too ready enthusiasm for novel political theories. My recent action is susceptible of a perfectly innocent interpretation. Never have I forgotten my duty as a British citizen.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: You had better say no more for the moment, prisoner. Presently I shall have to charge you with a foul and blasphemous attack upon that "Unknown Warrior" who, amid every circumstance of solemnity, was recently laid to his rest in Westminster Abbey. But first we will glance briefly at your past. Hand me the papers. Listen, prisoner. On the 29th of January, 1917, did you not appear at the Westminster Police-Court as an absentee from military service? Is the record true or false?

PRISONER: It is true, my Lord, that I was throughout the war a conscientious objector to military service. To me the whole business was a vulgar brawl, with which, as a man of culture and refinement, I could have no concern. That my attitude was misunderstood I am well aware; perhaps my principles were too lofty for the common understanding. As the son of a distinguished author and an accomplished poetess, I held a view of life to which the tinsel glamour of militarism made no appeal.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Really this is feeble stuff. Strange inconsistency indeed that a man hating the sight of war, a lily-livered shirker in the hour of trial, should yet be ready to employ voice and pen, and the cunning arts of intrigue, in the cause of revolution. You have spoken of your parents. Do you propose to call them here as witnesses to your character?

PRISONER: They are not present, my Lord.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: And I will tell you why they are not present. Because, as loyal British citizens, they dissociate themselves entirely from your conduct—past and present—refusing to be implicated in your unpatriotic designs. A few days after your appearance before the Westminster Magistrate, your mother had the painful duty of writing to the Press publicly repudiating for herself and the other members of your family the position of antagonism to Great Britain which you had seen fit to adopt. That estrangement continues—as well it may. Have you anything else to say why you should not receive the just punishment of your crimes?

PRISONER: Nothing, my Lord.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Then listen, prisoner. You, a man of education, and of some journalistic attainment, have been since 1912—with certain intervals—on the staff of the notorious *Herald*, in which capacity you have vented upon the stable institution of this country a venomous hatred and a savage spleen. Your position differs materially from that of the ignorant Lansbury—a visionary and fanatic, the facile tool of cleverer men. You knew what you were doing; with your eyes open, you helped to guide this newly-established journal into the paths of anarchy and revolution. You would not shoulder a rifle in defence of your native land; yet, in your hands, the pen was a weapon of war—of war, not against the King's enemies, but against your fellow-citizens—all who refused to subscribe to the fantastic Socialist code. Still, not content with open propaganda, you embarked upon the muddy waters of intrigue. You extended the hand of friendship to the bloody tyrants of Moscow; opened up relations with the Soviet leaders; visited Copenhagen, and there had intimate association with the notorious Litvinoff, the former Bolshevik envoy in this country, who, while enjoying the hospitality of these shores, was caught red-handed in revolutionary plots. A pretty record, truly. Shall I proceed?

PRISONER: Spare me, my Lord.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: That I will not. Not content with intrigues with the King's enemies, as an outcome of which you have since confessed to handling money and jewels which you must have known to be the proceeds of robbery, you have at length consummated your indecent career by, as I said just now, flouting the most sacred feelings of the nation in the hour of their most solemn expression. In your Armistice Day letter in the *Daily Herald* you actually made the figure of the Unknown Warrior a butt for your malice and a target for your cheap and cynical gibes against the Empire you never raised a finger to save or serve. This is your crowning offence, and I tell you that when I come to pass sentence it will count heavily against you. Have you anything more to say?

PRISONER: No, my Lord.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Then listen. To treat such crimes as yours as political offences would be to debase the whole standard of justice. I warn you to heed the lesson to be gathered from the fate of your friend Malone, who has just received no more than his deserts at the hands of the Bow Street Magistrate. When arraigned before this Court you were, I understand, about to proceed to Italy as the representative of your paper, but the Italian authorities very properly raised objections. The sentence upon you is that, if your friends will give the necessary guarantees, you be kept in close domestic custody until such times as the law against sedition is strengthened to permit of adequate punishment. Remove the prisoner.

ANIMAL TORTURE.

THE ONLY CURE FOR GROSS BRUTALITY.

Our sincere compliments to the Magistrates, Alderman E. E. Gardner, J.P. and Mr. A. Macarthur, J.P., sitting at the Court House, Bristol, the other day, when a scamp named Percy Roberts was charged with horrible brutality to two horses, a mare and a gelding, of which he was the unworthy owner. It appeared that the poor brutes had been systematically starved to such an extent that, when discovered by the Police, the mare could not stand, owing to its emaciation, and was helplessly slung up in her foodless stall. In the case of the gelding, no X-ray photograph was needed to see the whole structure of its exhausted frame. The Magistrate very properly sent Roberts for a month's hard labour, without the option of a fine. While on this topic, it is a pity that a little of this sharp medicine cannot be handed out to people who in the alleged "pursuit of sport" are guilty of the most revolting cruelty. In an illustrated paper the other day there was a picture of a stag which, in the graphic language of the reporter, had "made a great dash for freedom, but was caught after a few hours' chase." The poor animal, as depicted, was in a pitiable state of collapse and terror, and for ourselves we can see no reason whatever why such amusements should not engage the brisk attention of the R.S.P.C.A.

BUMBLE AND THE AGED.

NEEDLESS CRUELTY AT A POOR LAW INSTITUTION.

The spirit of Bumble seems to survive at Hastings, judging by the treatment of old people in its Infirmary. The aged poor have a special claim on the community, yet some time ago interfering officialdom subjected the old women in that institution to the discomfort of depriving them of their accustomed undergarments. They have also been given new nightdresses of an uncomfortable pattern—made to fasten at the back, so that when they become undone, aged women, whose hands are helpless through rheumatism, gout or arthritis, are unable to do them up, and forced to lie in bed with bare backs unprotected by a vest or chemise; this in a long draughty ward with windows open day and night. Furthermore, there are not enough nurses to look after these inmates, whose discomfort is unnecessarily added to by being placed in the same wards as children who keep them awake at night. Who is responsible for this outrageous abuse of authority in a matter so closely affecting the comfort of the aged poor? And what are the lady Guardians of Hastings doing in a matter which obviously lies within their scope? Such abuses in Poor Law administration call for the consideration of the Ministry of Health—but it is a pity that the lady members of the Board, who were, no doubt, elected principally for their humane qualities, are waiting *in* headquarters to act.

OUR £1,000 PRIZE WINNER.

HOW MR. WILSON THOUGHT OUT HIS "BULLET."

We have received from Mr. J. Wilson, Z, Pentland Gardens, Wandsworth, S.W.18, the winner of the £1,000 prize in the "Bullets" No. 393 Competition, an extremely interesting letter, in which he explains how he conceived his winning effort:—"Our Prince—Well 'Spliced,' Empire's 'Mainstay.'" That "Bullet," he says, "came very simply—so simply that it should be an encouragement to others to 'stick to it.' I heard two workmen discussing 'Our Prince,' and one said 'He's a good sport. It will be a grand thing for the country when he is well spliced to a good English girl.' That remark brought to my mind the picture of our 'laughing Prince' 'splicing the main brace' after that remark. I turned the whole thing over in my mind, got the coupon, and scribbled in the margin the winning 'Bullet'." Our readers will, we are sure, be glad to learn that Mr. Wilson's unexpected good fortune has, to use his own words again, "brought to me, a member of the 'Black-coated Fraternity,' a prize which will solve all my domestic and other problems. The housekeeping account which *never* would balance is now firmly established, the family boot bills are no longer a terror, and Christmas, to which I had allotted the fag-end of my gratuity, will now be really merry and free from care." Before this great success, Mr. Wilson had gained only three small prizes.

THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS.

HOW THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN HAVE WON THEIR WAY TO HIGH POSITIONS IN LIFE.

ONE often hears the question asked, "What is the Secret of Success?"

The answer might very well be given "There is not one secret but many."

For success in life does not depend upon the possession of any one particular quality. Many different qualities are required and it is the combination of these qualities that proves irresistible in the combat and competition of Business, Industrial, Professional and Public Life.

Fortunately most people can acquire these qualities if they try, as the facts given on this page show.

Lord Ashfield's Opinion.

Lord Ashfield, for example, speaking of the qualities necessary in business management, says that the head of a large business requires: **Judgment—Prudence—Enterprise—Fortitude—Resolution—Tact and Sympathy.**

Now those qualities—and many other qualities of the utmost value to a business man or woman—can be developed by training the mind on scientific lines, as everyone who practises Pelmanism knows.

And this being the case it is not surprising to find Manager after Manager writing to say how much Pelmanism has helped him in his work.

"Doubled My Turnover."

One Manager, for example, says that as the result of Pelmanism—

> "I doubled the turnover of my department last year. This year I am doing better than last. I am always originating new ideas and have a vivid and well-disciplined imagination."

Another Manager states that he owes his present position "entirely to the results obtained from the Pelman Course." A third business man says that he was in the rut "for 22 years." Then he began to Pelmanise and was given more responsible work. Now, he too, is a Manager. Yet another correspondent says that when he was demobilised at the end of the war he became a Commercial Traveller. He also took up Pelmanism. To-day he is the Managing Director of a successful business. "I attribute my success," he says, "mainly to the results derived from your excellent Course." Further he adds, "If you will refer any dubious cases to me I shall be happy to convince them of its advantages."

"Be Resilient" says Lord Riddell.

Another point of view—and a very important one—has been expressed by Lord Riddell. In his opinion, one of the most valuable qualities a business man or woman can have is that of Resilience. Many people fail utterly and entirely because they do not possess this quality. Defeat knocks them out. It crushes them so that they never rise again. To such people, he says, "failure comes as a staggering blow from which they never recover." "If a man fails and sits down under failure," he continues, "the world will kick him off his chair." But the man who ultimately succeeds is the man who gets up again, "and makes another attempt." This is the man who does not lose confidence in himself under the blows of Fortune. He has Resilience. He has Pluck. He has Self-Confidence. And in the end he wins. "The man who is able to resist the effects of failure and disappointment and to concentrate his full attention on the next step," says Lord Riddell, "is likely to succeed in the end, whereas the man with weak powers of resistance will probably buckle up."

The Self-Confidence that Wins.

Here again is a point where Pelmanism scores heavily. Pelmanism gives you Self-Confidence. It banishes Depression, Weakness of Will, Nervousness, and the fear of Failure. It gives you Courage and Assurance. It gives you that Confidence which comes from the knowledge that your mind is trained, alert, and capable. It gives you the ability to master your surroundings and to rise superior to your difficulties. And thousands of men and women have found this to be the fact and have blessed the day when they first took up Pelmanism, and found that it gave them the confidence in themselves that wins the confidence of others. "Whilst our chief accountant," so runs a letter recently received by the Pelman Institute, "who secured me the post is unaware that I am a Pelmanist, I think I may truthfully say that I may thank Pelman principles for the Self-Confidence which enabled me to suggest that I should be entrusted with the work."

Seizing Opportunities.

Another Secret of Success is the ability to seize opportunities. The world is full of opportunities. They come to everyone. They are always coming. But only a few make use of them and so find out how valuable they are. Pelmanism makes your mind alert so that you seize one opportunity after another instead of letting them slip by. "From a salary of £195 in August, 1918 (the time I completed the Course)," writes a Yorkshire Wool Dyer, "I rose in one step to £400, and in January this year, to £800 per annum. I do not pretend that Pelmanism made the opportunities, but it certainly taught me how to make the most of them when they did come."

Concentration, Memory and Personality.

Concentration is another Secret of Success, just as mind wandering is one of the causes of failure. If you concentrate well, you can master any problem and perform any task in half the usual time. Yet another valuable quality is Retentiveness—the possession of a reliable Memory. Of what value is any knowledge or experience if you cannot remember it—if you forget? And yet another factor in Success is Personality, which is really the result of developing all the other qualities mentioned. Successful men and women are men and women with Personalities. They are Personalities because they are efficient. Inefficient men and women have weak personalities. They are shadows drifting through life. Here is a letter from a man who has developed Concentration, a good Memory and Personality all through Pelmanism. He is a Joiner's apprentice and this is what he says:—

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MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LAW.—XV.

SOME NEEDED REFORMS—THE JURY SYSTEM—THE BAR TYRANNY—A MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

BY HORATIO BOTTOMLEY, M.P.

THERE are several outstanding reforms which my experience teaches me are sadly needed in the administration of the law. One is the complete overhauling of the present jury system, another the abolition of the great close corporation of the Bar, and a third is the appointment of a Minister of Justice; over and above, and concurrently with all these things, the crying need for the establishment of the office of Public Defender. There are many substantial changes necessary, but they are mostly of a technical character—such as the general reader would not appreciate. Those, however, which I have enumerated touch the average citizen at every turn, and can be made clear to the mind of the layman.

The Jury System.

I know that the jury system has been described as "the palladium of British liberty"—as a matter of fact, it is a gigantic fraud. However complicated and intricate the issues in a case may be, every jury is chosen on the same rough and ready principle of going through the rate book and pitchforking Tom, Dick and Harry indiscriminately into the box. And until quite recently the jurymen need not even be British citizens—any old alien being eligible for service—although, as in my experience has more than once happened, he scarcely understood a word of the English language. Happily, however, I have succeeded in remedying to some extent that blot upon our judicial system, by the clause I got inserted in the Alien Restriction Act giving every litigant the right to challenge a non-British member of his jury. Now, isn't it obvious that there should be specially prepared lists from which jurymen could be empanelled, according to the nature of the case—the Associate or other official of the Court being charged with the duty of looking at the Pleadings and then determining from which list, or lists, the jurymen should be summoned? Is there anything more pitiful than to watch the faces of the twelve good men and true sitting in the box at the Law Courts with minds absolutely blank as to the issues they have to decide, and waiting for the direction of the Judge as to the meaning of all the evidence, on one side or the other, and to which they are condemned to listen? In this connection I recall the story of a juryman who, against the overwhelming weight of evidence and the unanimous opinion of his eleven colleagues, insisted up the verdict of guilty, justifying his view upon the ground that "If the prisoner had not done anything wrong, what was he there for"! And how both Counsel and Judges play with the average jury, the members of which, as I have already pointed out, rarely exercise their right to put questions to the witnesses and elucidate for themselves uncertain points in the evidence. My proposal, then, is that the jury lists, like those of the Parliamentary voters, should be classified into separate panels—say, the commercial, professional, trading and residential, with their private businesses or callings indicated opposite their names, and that, having regard to the character of each case, the duty should rest upon the officer of the Court to summon persons qualified by training and experience to decide the issues of fact. I am, however, all against the idea of professional jurymen, as such a system would, I am satisfied, undermine the confidence of the public in the jury system as a whole, and might easily lead to widespread corruption. In this connection let me mention a fact which, so far as I am aware, has not been made public—namely, that in the Greenwood trial, where everything turned upon the cause of death and the effect of various poisons and drugs, the foreman of the jury, luckily for Mr. Greenwood, happened to be a chemist and was consequently in a position to weigh up the technical evidence adduced in the course of the case. Who shall say what an important part this man may not have played in the deliberations of the jury during those two hours in which the life of an innocent man was held in the balance? But, apart from this particular illustration, it is indisputable that nine juries out of ten, under the existing system, are utterly unqualified for their duty and are at the mercy of skilful Counsel and sometimes of prejudiced Judges. Some day I hope to have time to draft a Bill for the reform of the jury system on the lines I have indicated.

The Bar Tyranny.

One of the str ngest opinions I have formed is that there is no longer any kind of justification for the retention of the present close corporation of the Bar. When you come to think of it, isn't it a monstrous s andal that duly qualified solicitor who, perhaps, during months of study of a case, has mastered all its details, should b compelled to brief a barrister, who has to dig st the whole of the facts and evidence in the course of a few days? Why on earth shouldn't the solicitor be entitled to plead his client's caus —er, better still, why couldn't the two branches of the profession be merged, even t ough in actual practice it automatically divided itself into Office and Advocacy Departments? Thus, one class of practitioner would specialis in Conveyancing, Company, and Family and kindred business, whilst another would undertake th conduct from beginning to end of litigious work. But I would go even further and say that every litigant should have the right to appear either by himself or any friend n minated by him. The Trade Union of the legal profession is the most tyrannical in the world. Remember that in law no barrister is under any obligation to appear for a client, even when briefed. There is no contractual relationship in the matter. His fee is an "honorarium," but doesn't he take good care to get that fee in advance—unless, indeed he is dealing with a firm of solicitors whose name is sufficient guarantee for the payment! By way of a start, however, I would be content with an extension of the right of audience to solicitors in every Court in the kingdom up to the House of Lords, and I know many a solicitor who could "lose" some of the present leaders of the Bar. Well, "that's that"!

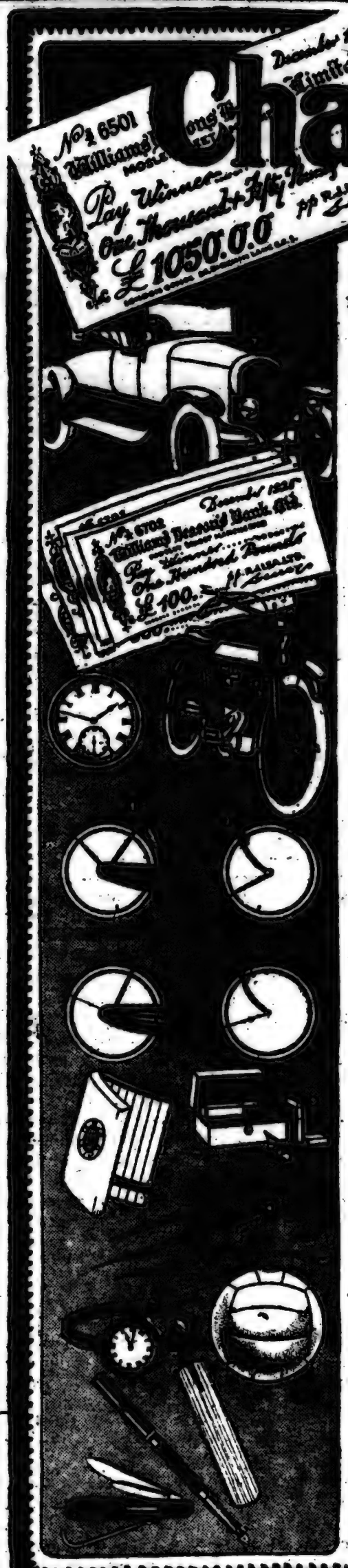
A Minister of Justice.

But over and above all these considerations is that of the imperative need for the establishment of a Minister of Justice, responsible to Parliament for the due administration of the law. I am not sure that he should be a lawyer for his duty would consist in seeing that judges, magistrates, and justices—instead of, as now being a law unto themselves—attended to their work, and that barristers and solicitors (for the moment I am assuming the two branches of the profession as being in existence) treated their clients fairly, and that any complaints against them were properly investigated. What is the use of a Bar Council—consisting of barristers—and a Law Society—consisting of solicitors—as the disciplinary authorities over their fellow-practitioners? What earthly chance has the disaffected litigant before such tribunals? After all, the administration of justice is perhaps the most important item in the domestic life of the nation, and yet, so far, there is no independent Department of State responsible for it. But so long as the Government of the country is more or less dominated by lawyers, I am afraid that my plea will fall upon unsympathetic ears.

A Public Defender.

Then, as a natural corollary of the establishment of a Ministry of Justice, there must be a Public Defender. Isn't it somewhat of an anomaly that there should be a State Department for the prosecution of accused persons, and none for their defence? I have twice obtained a First Reading for my Public Defender Bill, supported by members of every Party in the House—its "backers" being Mr. Leslie Scott, K.C., Sir John Butcher, Mr. G. W. H. Jones, Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Clement Edwards, Mr. Houston, and the late Mr. Charles Palmer. Its principal clause ran: "It shall be the duty of the Public Defender to institute, undertake, and carry out . . . . whether in the Court of Criminal Appeal, before sessions of Oyer and Terminer or of the Peace, before Magistrates or otherwise, under regulations to be made under this Act, the defence of every person charged with an indictable offence. Provided that nothing in this Act shall preclude any person from providing for his own defence." It is, as will be seen, a simple little measure. Can anyone doubt that recent events in the Courts have immensely strengthened the case for such a public official? I suppose Mr. Greenwood has been practically ruined by the cost of establishing his innocence against the most flimsy prosecution ever launched. Yet, as it was instituted by the Crown, he has no redress. And how many times have I personally found the money for the defence of innocent men! I wonder what might have happened to Starchfield, for instance, if I had not come forward and briefed counsel on his behalf; and the same remark applies to Miss Le Neve in the Crippen case, and to a dozen others whom I could enumerate; whilst, as I write, the two men accused of the Eastbourne murder, but for my intervention (I know nothing whatever at present of the merits of the case), would have been practically without defence. I shall certainly endeavour next Session to get my Bill through. After, there will be less reason to fear the possibility of the conviction of innocent persons, now too easily possible for the comfort of honest minds.

(Another instalment will appear next week.)



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4	Cheque	50	0	0
5	Cheque	25	0	0
6-8	3 Raleigh Cycles, ladies' or gent.'s, Sturmey-Archer 3-speed, size to suit winner	51	19	6
9-23	15 Cheques, each £10	150	0	0
24-33	10 Cheques, each £5	50	0	0
34-73	20 Gent.'s Gold-filled 15-jewelled Lever Watches, 20 years' guarantee case and movement	85	0	0
	20 Ladies' 9-carat Gold Expanding Wristlet Watches, 15-jewels, 10 years' guarantee	85	0	0
74-123	50 3½oz. Silver Cigarette Cases	157	10	0
124-223	100 8-day Watches, guaranteed	275	0	0
224-329	106 Mounted Umbrellas, ladies' or gent.'s	198	15	0
330-829	500 Gillette Safety Razor Outfits	525	0	0
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To Field Marshal Lord Haig.

DEAR FIELD MARSHAL,—Heart to heart I am with you in regarding it as a blot on the nation's honour that so many ex-soldiers who have won through the war whole, or complete in parts, should be relegated to the dust-heap of British industry and commerce owing to the refusal of employers to give them a chance to make good in civil life as they made good in the Army. In my opinion neither the employers as a body, nor Government, nor nation, have redeemed the solemn pledges they made when the men went forth to the fight upon which hung the destinies of every man, woman, and child in the land for generations to come. I gather that many employers have heard it so often that they turn it down as a weary tale. In those days, no doubt, it was easy to gush and to promise; in these days it seems not less easy to break the promise and dishonour the bond. Tommy Atkins may not be wanted again for a few years yet, my Lord; but we do not wish his children to remember, when The Day dawns once more, how his father was mistreated by those for whom he spent all he had to give.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Lincolnshire, President of the National Liberal Club.

DEAR MARQUIS,—I see someone has been raising a dust with you and the Committee of your Club, because, after paying his "sub," he was "excluded from its precincts and its premises." No business of mine, of course, but, as a good many people seem curious, may I ask what was the head and front of his offending? I want to be able to contradict the rumour that he spoke rudely about Mrs. Asquith, or, in a moment of abstraction, suggested that "L.-G." was no more than half a scoundrel. Pray don't think me impertinent.

JOHN BULL.

To the Hon. Mr. Justice Darling.

MY LORD,—May I express my entire agreement with you as to the desirability of the fullest publicity in criminal proceedings—even where the details are of such an unsavoury character as is usually the case in trials under the Incest Act? To my mind, the danger of secrecy in such matters is far more certain than any advantages that can possibly accrue from it. You have instanced the case of two persons who, owing to the provisions of the Incest Act requiring these trials to be held *in camera*, did not know that their conduct was of a criminal nature. Such an anomaly is entirely foreign to the spirit of our laws.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. A. H. Illingworth, Postmaster-General.

DEAR HEAD POSTMAN,—When your Department announced that the Telephone Directory, hitherto produced by private contract, was to be printed by the State, I was hardly optimistic enough to expect any vast improvement. The current issue contains a distinctly irritating defect on every page, in the shape of the transposition of the index letters and page numbers—which you yourself admit to be due to the errors of the printers. It is another illuminating little object lesson in the failure of the State in industrial enterprise; and the rectification of the error will, of course, be at the taxpayers' expense. Oh, for a Business Post Office!

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon C. A. McCurdy, Minister of Food.

DEAR CONTROLLER,—Congratulations on the success of the vigorous campaign which you are waging against those hotel and restaurant proprietors who, not content with the generous maximum prices laid down by you, seek to make additional profits by overcharging or giving short measure. I am specially glad to notice that you are not confining your attentions to the smaller fry, but prosecuting the proprietors and manager of the big West End establishments—who do not succeed in convincing Magistrates by their unanimous plea that the "carelessness" of employees is alone to blame. Some of these gentry are now realising that control really means control.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. G. C. Campbell, The Carnival, Market Place, Hull.

DEAR SHOWMAN,—Your show, scenic railway and music, licensed from time to time by the Justices, has been much appreciated by Hull folk. But your application for a music licence has been refused. I can't see why. Nor did the Alderman and other worthies explain. They just said, "Licence refused," and toddled home to feed. The police, represented by the Chief Constable, were on your side, for you have been careful to consider their wishes in every way. Only those dear old women on the Bench were up against you. As they were unable to give any reason for boycotting a public boon, so am I unable to weigh up arguments never put forward. But it seems to me that you and your patrons have been thoughtlessly ill-treated.

JOHN BULL.

To Norman Whittle, Attendant, Storthes Hall Asylum, Yorks.

KNUCKLY NORMAN,—I find it hard to decide who is the lunatic—you, or the hapless inmate, Reynolds, who suffered at your hands. You may have fancied you were Joe Elvin in his famous sketch of years ago, "The New Keeper"; but even that delusion would not excuse your brutal treatment of a harmless "mental case" of 63 by throwing him violently down and striking him without provocation, for which you have been fined £5, or one month. If there is any human affliction which above all others deserves our sympathy, it is insanity, and only those capable of distinguishing between firmness and brutality should have charge of the sufferers. I would not entrust the Australian Devil at the Zoo to your tender mercies.

JOHN BULL.

To Sir W. Carter, Town Councillor, Windsor.

DEAR CARTER,—Not to make any bones about it, you *are* some carter. If there are a few more carters like you in the borough, one of these cold and frosty mornings the inhabitants will wake up to find that the Royal Castle has been pinched and shipped away to Chicago to make a sausage factory. Of all the—well, I really can't think what this carting business is coming to. The Government presents the Corporation with a war tank; and because the Borough Surveyor says somebody from the Electric Light Company at Slough has offered him £15 for the 100 h.p. engine, stated to be worth nearer £1,500, you tell him that, though it isn't any of your goods, so far as you are concerned the Electric Light Company can take away the lot—and dummed if they don't. As a precedent in carting—but I'm so dazed and dumbfounded, Sir William, that I can say no more about it except that as a carter you're a knock-out. You beat the band.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Tom Fox, Esq., J.P.).

DEAR LORD MAYOR,—Excuse my troubling you with a little grievance, but you may be able to redress it. I understand that Manchester Corporation are undertaking a housing scheme on an old golf links at Birch Park and also in Wilbraham Road, and that though Irishmen are being brought over and put on the job, English ex-Tommies applying for work are turned down. If this is true, it is a preference which I am confident must be quite contrary to the feelings and intentions of the City Corporation.

JOHN BULL.

To Viscount Hambleden, Chairman of the Delegacy, King's College, London, W.C.2.

DEAR VISCOUNT,—I have for some time had my eye on your Delegacy in regard to the salaries you are offering teachers, and now I note that for the services of a Demonstrator in Civil and Mechanical Engineering, you do not propose to give more than £250 a year. As a salary for a trained expert, whose education has to be lengthy and expensive, it hardly seems to err on the side of generosity. It is true that your advertisement states vaguely that the post carries with it "possible additional emoluments," but I hardly expect that the successful candidate will be able to maintain a Rolls-Royce out of them.

JOHN BULL.

To the Recorder of Walsall.

SIR,—For some considerable time I have been endeavouring in these pages to arouse the public to a sense of the criminal leniency exercised by some Magistrates when dealing with perhaps the foulest of offences—indecent assaults upon young children. I am sorry that you, by one of your recent decisions, should have hindered my efforts. I refer to the case of James Banks, a young scoundrel of 21, charged with indecently assaulting a tiny tot of 4. A jury of men and women found him guilty on the evidence. He was a church organist, and was spoken well of by the clergy. But did not these facts make his offence even more rank? Were they not evidence of a vile hypocrisy? Nevertheless, you discharged him on his own recognisances and on payment of costs. The innocence of childhood will not be protected by such decisions.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. Stephen Paget, Hon. Secretary, Research Defence Society, Ladbroke Square, London, W.

SIR,—I have before me the reprint of a series of notes which have appeared in the *Tonbridge Free Press*. You are represented in them as a man who tries to suppress and juggle with public opinion in regard to vivisection. To put it shortly, a letter appeared in the paper signed by the Hon. Secretary of the Anti-Vivisection Society. You requested, it is stated, permission from the Editor to answer it, not by a letter, but by an article. When permission was readily given, you made the extraordinary condition that "It must not lead to an anti-vivisection article. Letters are different, but I must ask you to put my article in the waste-paper basket unless you can ensure that it shall not be followed by an anti-article." If that is not playing the game of deliberate suppression in the interests of vivisectors, I do not know what is; and for a man of your education and position to demand from an editor that he shall be party to it is, in my opinion, to taint the whole work of the Research Defence Society with serious suspicion.

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For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," pages 22 and 24.

Standard of Milk Quality.

A short Act of Parliament should be passed to provide that all milk retailers should have the milk tested once a month and without warning of inspection being given. One man in our district has not had the milk he sells tested for seven years, and another for three years. How can we expect our babies to thrive when we cannot find any cream on the milk?—GEO. W. HASTINGS, Wortley Grove, Leeds.

"Business Councils."

Rural District Councils should be compelled to hold their meetings after 6 o'clock in the evening, which would give business and working men a chance to contest seats. At present only those with time on their hands can afford to attend meetings in the morning or afternoon, and they never seem to "get a hustle on." This village applied for houses nearly two years ago and has had the site for building over 12 months, but nothing is even started yet! We want Business Councils as well as a Business Government.—T. H. RICHARDSON, West Coker, near Yeovil.

Labour at the Docks.

Let piece-work be abolished. A corn boat was recently unloaded by 9 gangs, about 120 men, in eleven days (piece-work), which, on its previous trip, took 29 days to clear (ordinary day-work rates). Then these gangs went to another ship and just as rapidly unloaded it. This means that the men, working at double the ordinary rate, make £10 to £14 per week, whilst other gangs, who would probably have worked the second ship, are forced out of work and get nothing. The greediness of the few means starvation to many.—JOHN W. LEAVER, Parkhurst Road, Manor Park, E.

British *v.* German Toys.

In view of the approaching Yuletide and the purchase of many children's toys, I suggest that all buyers of such should see that they purchase only those "Made in England," as so many of our maimed ex-soldiers and sailors are endeavouring to obtain an honest livelihood by making them, whilst Germany, in the attempt to recapture the trade, is swamping this country with her much cheaper productions. It will be a national slur on our maimed men, who are so bravely trying once again to beat the Hun, if they are beaten—by us!—T. H. TURNER, Wallisdown, Bournemouth.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. Feasey.

Bolshie "Brotherhood."

There must be a close affinity between Socialism and chronic perversity. When we are at war the Socialists are usually yelling for "peace—at any price." Our own country is generally wrong and our enemies are generally right. Since peace "broke out" nearly all the strife, discord and labour trouble have been caused by these peace-loving "Comrades," who affect to hate war but evince a strong desire for "bloody revolution."—EDWARD H. CARLYON, Park Hill Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

Those Troublesome "Signatures."

A war pensioner has to get his "Life Certificate" signed periodically by a "clergyman, magistrate, doctor, or police official"; and, in addition, where he has children attending school, the head teacher of the boys' and girls' departments respectively have to sign. Could it not be arranged for the pensioner to have his papers signed, in office hours, by the Local Pensions Officer (who is paid to look after his interests), or could he not visit totally disabled cases, thus making it less of a begging mission for the pensioner, and more agreeable to everyone concerned?—FRED FEASEY, Stoney Lane, Southwick-on-Wear.

Official Notebooks.

Having in view the question of a policeman's notes as brought out in the trial of Harold Greenwood, I suggest that all official notebooks be in duplicate and numbered, and that it should be compulsory for the officer to give the prisoner a signed copy of his notes at the time of arrest.—A. D. GREENWOOD, Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth.

Still Waiting.

Many men who enlisted in 1914 and saw active service so early in the war have not yet got their 1914-1915 Star, or even an official piece of ribbon to wear. Perhaps on Armistice Day *next year* they will all be issued; but surely His Majesty was not aware of this fact, else he would have never appealed to ex-Service men to don their proud decorations on the 11th!—WM. HARVEY, Lloyd Street, W.C.1.

High Wages and Unemployment.

Although the Minimum Wage and the 48 Hours Bills have not been passed by Parliament, they are already operating in some trades and are the cause of much unemployment, as masters who cannot afford the stipulated wages must discharge employees, even though the latter would prefer a lower wage rather than join the ranks of the unemployed.—H. REED, Tamworth Road, Croydon.

Help for "Our Hospitals."

It is no credit to the country to know that our hospitals are in such poor circumstances. It is disgraceful that they should be so urgently in need of funds. I suggest that every working man and woman should be deducted one penny in each £1 earned in wages weekly for the Hospital General Fund. They would not miss the pence, and a substantial regular income would be thus assured.—J. WHARTON, Combermere Road, Stockwell.

Bricklayers and Dilution.

In view of the Prince of Wales' fresh appeal on behalf of the unemployed, and the ever-increasing demand for more houses, could not the Bricklayers' and Joiners' Unions meet the case in the following manner: agree to the Government's scheme of dilution, but the dilutees to be kept in a special class in the Union, on the understanding that when there is a shortage of work they shall fall out? This would avoid overcrowding the trade and incidentally strengthen the funds of the Union, and would confer an absolute boon on our unemployed and homeless.—R. HILL, Argyle Street, Shilton, Stoke-on-Trent.

Women's Legitimate Work.

In my local paper, of 100 "Situations Vacant" no less than 80 are for women domestic workers, including "Good General Maid, wages £40," "General Maid, £1 a week," "Cook, £55." Surely a girl as maid to a private family, with £40 yearly pocket-money, practically all found and good food, is in a far better position than as a clerk or shop assistant, having to keep herself in food and clothes. There is plainly an abundance of women's work for women, whereas there are 250,000 fit men lacking work, a large number of whom could be employed if women would resume their legitimate employment.—ALF. R. WOOD, Hannington Road, Pokesdown, Bournemouth.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

Townshend of Kut awaits the news
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A Square Deal—No "Lightning Strikes"

By THE

JUST back from the Wrekin Division—where, I doubt not, my good friend General Townshend has been elected to the House of Commons as an Independent member, accepting my leadership, and owning no allegiance to any other group or Party—I am naturally inclined to dwell for a little upon the general political situation, and to point the moral of all I have seen and heard. For the most part, the election was a straight and strenuous fight between two rival conceptions of policy—on the one hand, that of the so-called Labour Party, with its darling panacea of "Nationalisation" and State Socialism as the remedy for every social ill, and, on the other hand, sound, common-sense principles of what I used to call "Business Government"—that is to say, of applying to the problems and puzzles of current politics the ordinary canon of prudence and plain dealing that govern the average citizen in the conduct of his daily affairs. Between the rival conceptions of public policy, the Wrekin electors have, I believe—for I write before the declaration of the poll—chosen in no uncertain manner. And the result has set me thinking. I believe I begin to see the broad significance of it all.

A Square Deal.

For does it not amount to this? The general mass of workers "with hand or with brain," as our friends of the Labour movement are fond of saying, are swiftly coming to realise that their hope lies, not in any narrow class movement, but in a policy that will promote the general well-being of the nation, restoring harmony between Capital and Labour, and oiling the wheels of wealth production, so that once again Britain may take her pre-eminent place among the nations of the earth—not only in riches and prosperity, but in the comfort and happiness of her people. Only one anxiety, as far as I can discover, troubles the mind of the plain-thinking British workman. He demands that if he puts his back into his labour, sending the cranks about their business, and working honestly for increased output and steadier production, he shall have some guarantee that the added wealth thus created shall be fairly distributed as between the various interests concerned. Well, I say this is perfectly fair and reasonable; I say, moreover, that unless we are prepared to concede it, we have no right to call the working man rude names if he lends a willing ear to agitators who promise him a new heaven and a new earth in place of the present rather higgledy-piggledy conditions of industry. In this connection I was rather struck by a simile employed by General Townshend in the course of the Wrekin election, his contention being that just as "prize money" in the Navy was divided in fair proportion between officers and men, so in any industrial undertaking any surplus left after the payment of a decent standard wage to the workers, and a fair return upon the capital invested, should be allocated among those whose labour had contributed to the result. And, of course, there must be guarantees for a fair and square deal—no figure-juggling or camouflaging of accents, no concealment of essential facts, no secret diplomacy in the relations of Capital and Labour. If necessary, the State must step in to enforce any bargain so made, and to ensure that on neither side is there any attempt to spoil the even fairness of the compact. So much, then, for the first clause in what I venture to call my policy for Labour.

No "Lightning Strikes."

But, of course, we cannot stop there. If such an arrangement as I indicate is to be general, certain present features of the industrial situation will have to disappear—for example, "lightning strikes," or any sudden "hold-ups" of industry, whether at the hands of Labour or Capital. We must have, as I have said so often, an impartial Court of Arbitration, to which every industrial dispute shall in the first instance be compulsorily referred, and a secret ballot—with the Corrupt Practices Act at work—as the essential prelude to strike action. For unless the employer is protected against sudden disturbance and loss, he cannot be expected to pledge himself to share his precarious profits on generous terms with the men who help to make them. That is to say, if Labour—using the term in the proper sense—wishes to share on fairer terms in the profits of industry, it must join in an indemnity to Capital against the losses arising from unforeseen outbreaks of industrial strife.

I am quite aware, of course, that the Bolshevist elements in the Labour Party have no use for these sane and sober proposals. It would be surprising if they had; for if my scheme were successful, as I believe it would be, in allaying the discontent of the workers, the occupation of the revolutionary agitator would be gone for ever. Your Manns and Williamses and Hodges would be among the out-of-works. Your Malones and Pankhursts would not even enjoy the mild distinction of going to prison. For these men and women are the planners of Revolution, and among a contented and prosperous people that is a dead trade. Indeed, it is my own very strong opinion, amply confirmed by all I saw and heard in the Wrekin, that very few of the workers—even among those who for one reason or another have thrown in their lot with the Labour Party—are in love with "Nationalisation" and the other Socialist nostrums, for their own sake. It is not that they attach the least importance to the cut-and-dried theories, say, of Mr. Sidney Webb, or to the Utopian philosophy of Mr. H. G. Wells—except in so far as they have been taught to hold that in no other way than by the methods of political topsy-turvydom can their material wants be relieved. This belief, of course, is the sheerest moonshine. It always reminds me of the primitive folly of Lamb's Chinaman who, you remember, burnt down his house to roast a pig. Is not the analogy perfect? The British workman—black-coated workers with the others, workers of the Middle Classes as well as those whom Labour orators are fond of calling "the proletariat"—want more wages, better conditions, a fairer share of life's amenities, assured prospects, and a brighter future. Every one of these objects is legitimate; no decent person

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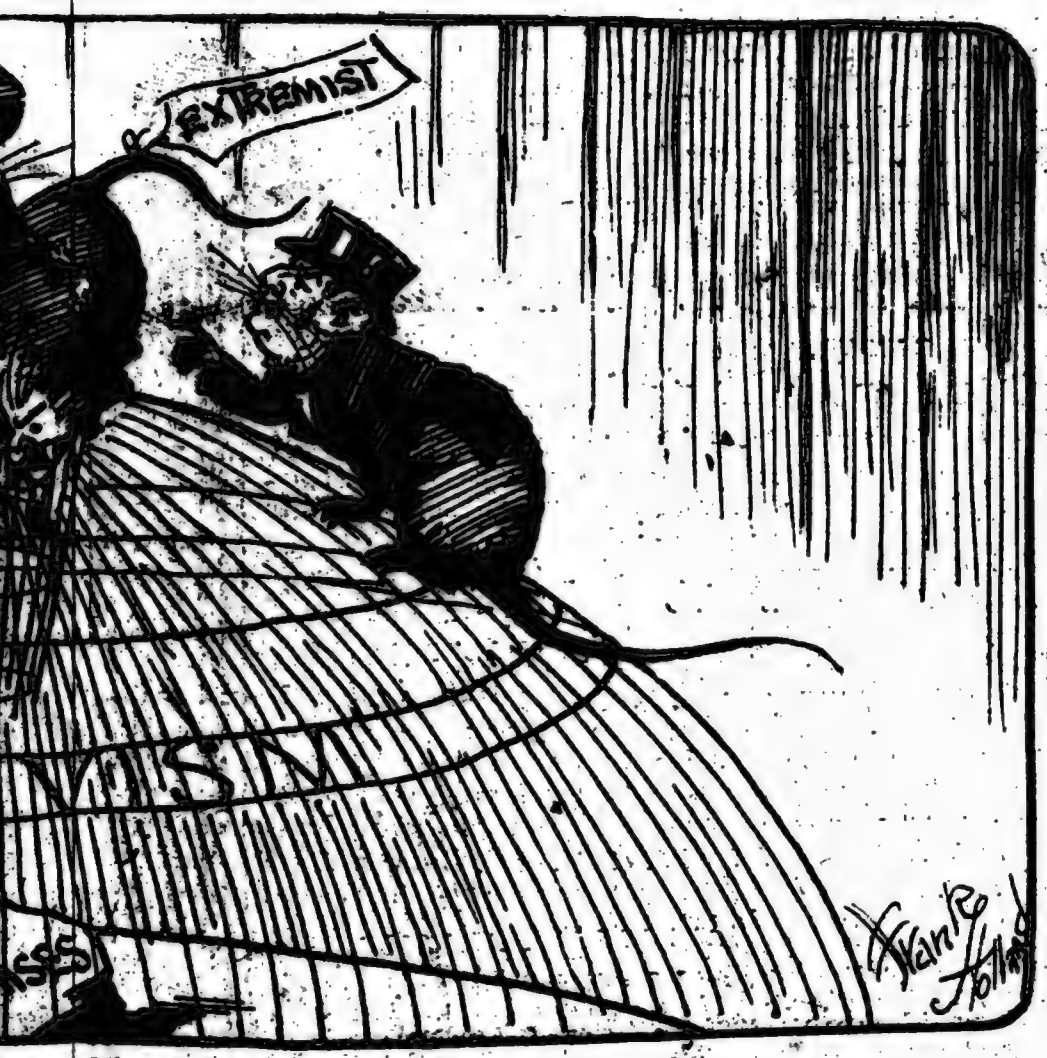
would deny the workers' right to the largest possible share of material comfort. *My* point is, however, that every one of these proper and reasonable aspirations can be obtained in fullest measure within the limits of our existing industrial organisation, and without embarking on the perilous sea of revolutionary change, provided only there is sufficient general goodwill, and an intelligent effort on all hands to tread the upward path of achievement rather than the downward slopes of disintegration and decay. And what my good Labour friends must not forget is that the general interests of the British people are their interests as well; that no despite can be done to sound principles of finance, of economy, of efficient administration, without corresponding injury to the interests of Labour. Is not the present wicked and wasteful extravagance of the great State Departments felt in every working-class household in inflated prices, the diminished purchasing power of money, and the darkening menace of unemployment—too often the direct outcome of reckless national finance? If the Labour Party were wise, they would stop chasing the will-o'-the-wisp of Nationalisation, which, on its financial side, can only spell State bankruptcy, and go "all out" for the simple, practical reforms that can be translated into terms of added comfort and increased happiness for every family in the land. Stop waste, reduce expenditure, lop off the spreading roots of extravagance, steady the currency, deflate prices—these are the things that matter to all classes of the community—and to Labour more than any. Look at those mammoth Public Departments with their hordes of salaried officials, eating up the substance of the nation, run largely on useless and unproductive lines—the grandiose and inefficient Ministry of Transport, the long-ago-ought-to-have-been-dead Ministry of Munitions, the now superfluous Ministry of Shipping, and the rest—huge official organisations that we did without before the war, and could with advantage have dispensed with a few months after the signing of the Armistice. As I told the electors down at the Wrekin, the only sane political policy at the moment—and the only one truly serving the interests of Labour—is that which will postpone all far-reaching policies of "reconstruction," all fantastic experiments in industry, until we have secured the two great blessings of Peace and Retrenchment, security abroad and economy at home; until we have recovered something of the pre-war prosperity that was our own pride and comfort, and the envy of the world.



...e could get in if we tried."
"But could you get out if you wanted?"

The Need for Independence.

Failing to discover evidence of such a policy in the record of the Coalition, or in the extravagant proposals of the Labour Party, I have had to fall back on my old *role* of Independence, Townshend of Kut—for the Wrekin—being the pioneer of a group of chosen colleagues whom I hope at no distant date to have around me in the House of Commons. It is not our desire to embarrass the Government in any good work, but to keep ever before their eyes the standard of Duty—the duty they owe to the living and to the Dead. It was in a spirit of earnest sincerity that in the Wrekin election I invited the workers of all classes, the great Army of Labour, to unite with us in our struggle against the forces of disruption that in the pursuit of vain mirages—bare and fruitless as the traveller's desert dream—would wreck our glorious Empire. And the response was wonderful. Therefore, I am going to conclude on a note of optimism, and to express the deep conviction that we shall weather all our storms, and that in the ordeals of peace Britain will prove victorious as she was in war. Say what you will, the spirit of revolution is utterly alien to the British people, thrilling them not with enthusiasm, but with the deepest horror, as often as they are brought to realise its grim possibilities.

Folly and Felony of Bolshevism.

What sympathy, for instance, has the British citizen, whatever his politics, with such language as this, quoted at Bow Street Police Court the other day, in the course of the proceedings against Mr. Malone, M.P.:—"We are out to change the present Constitution, and, if it is necessary to save bloodshed, and to save atrocities, we shall have to use the lamp-posts or the walls. What are a few Churchills or Curzons on lamp-posts, compared with the massacre of thousands of human beings?" Was there ever such a mad farrago of rubbish heard in a country at our stage of civilisation and orderly progress? What on earth is implied in this talk of "lamp-posts" but "bloodshed," and what but "atrocities" can result from the use of "walls" by bands of armed revolutionists? And who can guarantee that once the terrible cry of "*à la Lanterne!*" is raised, only the "Churchills" and "Curzons"—assuming them to be the chief delinquents—will suffer? Surely all history proves that there is no worse engine of reform in the whole armoury of human effort than the blind vengeance of an exasperated people. As to "the massacre of thousands of human beings," this, after all, occurred in a land remote from ours, and my whole point is that, if we keep our heads and our tempers, and live up to our British instincts of justice and fair play, no similar tragedy will ever darken these dear shores. My faith in Britain will not admit the suggestion even as a distant possibility. For I love this fair land of ours. I believe in her Star. I kept my faith all through the dark days when, often with an aching heart and downcast mind, I tried—week by week—to find in some corner of the black landscape a single ray of light that might portend the advent of the Dawn. Finally, my hopes were justified, my optimism vindicated, my dreams—slowly but surely—translated into solid truth. Therefore, you cannot shake my confidence to-day. It is grounded too securely upon what I know of my fellow-countrymen, upon the broad sanity and unyielding patriotism, which, as it refused to bow to the challenge of a foreign foe, will, I am certain, stand firm as a rock till Britain's old prosperity is hers again.

In the Barber's Chair - - - Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C.

'Ello, Sir Edward! Back in town agin, then? . . . Eh? You *think I'm somewhat familiar?* You *don't know me?* Wot does thet matter, Sir Edward? I may seem a bit familiar, but I don't mean no disrespec'. It's becos' I admires you. As for not knowin' *me*, I don't s'pose you do. I carn't reckerleck seein' you 'ere before. But 'avin' come once, I 'ope you'll come again. . . . You're *not sure that you will?* W'y, Sir Edward, w'y? . . . *Becos talkative barbers bore you?* I'm sorry, Sir Edward! I won't say another word—excep' to say you've 'urt me. You've 'urt me, Sir Edward; and it's ard to be 'urt by one wot I've got the greatest hadmiration an' respec' for. But there, I won't say another word—excep' to say this is a great disappointment to me.

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I spotted you as soon as you come in. "Sir Edward Marshall 'All!" I ses to meself. "The very man I've bin wantin' to meet." You see, Sir Edward, your brilliant defence of Mr. Greenwood in the Kidwelly murder case struck me mor'n anythink I've read for years. But I don't want to bore you, so I won't say anythink more about it, excep' jest to remark thet you've proved yourself to be the very man for the job o' Public Defender, wot Bottomley ses we ought to 'ave to protec' the innercent against the Public Prosecutor. If I was 'ad up for a murder wot I never committed, or for pinchin' somethink wot I never see, let alone laid 'an's on, I should feel safe as 'ouses if I 'ad you to defend me, Sir Edward. But I'm afraid I'm runnin' on a bit, so I won't say another word—excep' jest to say as I 'ope you'll take the job w'en the Bill's passed, w'ich I s'pose it will be some day, although ten to one Bottomley won't be given the credit for 'avin' proposed it. Those jealous 'umbugs in the 'Ouse never do give 'im credit for anythink if they kin 'elp it, although they don't 'esitate to pick 'is brains. . . .

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Mr. Bottomley's a friend o' yours? So I unnerstood, Sir Edward. No doubt thet partly accounts for you goin' down to 'elp General Townshend in 'is election at Wrekin. At the same time, it's another proof o' the sorter gent you are—all out for liberty an' independence. I should like to shove Dora in the witness box an' 'ear you crorss-examine 'er! It would be a treat! I should like to 'ear you turnin' Pussyfoot inside out, too. The fac' that you was in favour of General Townshend must 'ave impressed a lot o' the electors, an' made up for them narrow-minded idjits wot still 'ave a prejudice against 'Oratio without bein' able to explain exackly w'y. I wonder w'ether the electors realised thet jurin' the election they 'ad two o' the greatest defenders o' these times in the division—the Defender of Kut, and the Defender of Greenwood? . . .

Well, goo' day, Sir Edward, an' I 'ope the few words I've sed won't prevent you comin' to see me again. . . . I'm much erbliged!

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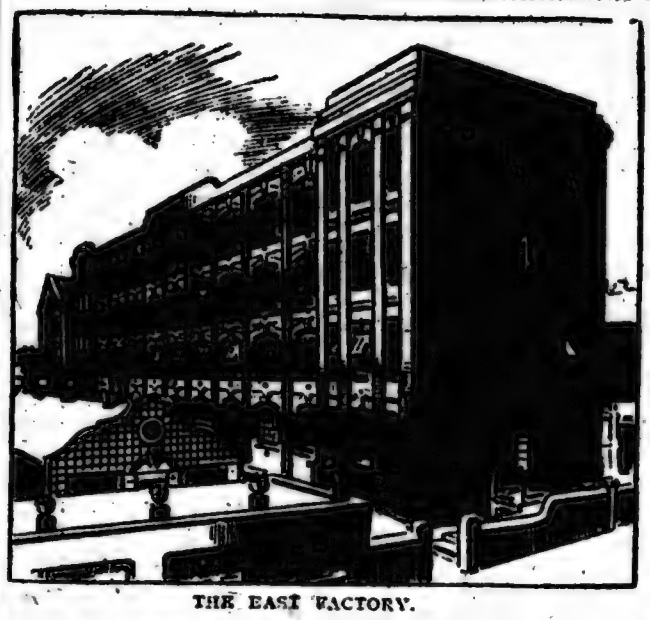

THE EAST FACTORY.

DIAMONDS have been known in India for five thousand years, and one may not, therefore, be surprised that it has been described as the natural and ancient home of the diamond. Some of the finest gems have come from the once rich mines of Golconda, in the vicinity of the now dismantled fort of Hyderabad and Raolconda. In the time of Tavernier, early part of the seventeenth century, the mines of Golconda from about 1560 to 1605 employed 60,000 people. From Parteal, south of Golconda, came the "Pitt" or "Regent" which, in its rough state, weighed 410 carats. The famous "Great Mogul," which now weighs 188 carats, came from the same district, as did also the "Nizam." The "Landak" diamonds of Borneo have been particularly prized. The Cuddaph district in the Madras Presidency also produced some excellent stones. The mines were reopened in 1869, but the speculators were disappointed. At the Wajrah Karur mines in the same presidency, as late as 1883, the "Gordon Orr" diamond was found. It weighed 62 carats, but when cut was reduced to 24⅞.

The discovery in 1725 of the diamond mines in Brazil in the vicinity of Tejuso—now called Diamentia—practically coincided with the decline of the Indian mines, and the fine stones found there had a great vogue until the discovery of diamonds on the Vaal River in South Africa, fifty-three years ago. The discovery and the growth of the diamond-mining industry at the Cape provides a series of authentic romances of history culminating in the discovery at the Premier mine of the "Cullinan" diamond weighing 3,025¾ carats. Ninety-eight per cent. of the world's output of diamonds emanate from South Africa, and London is the distributing centre. Then, why not cut them at the source, or in England? That was a question often asked. As a matter of fact, a London County Councillor named Ford did build a small cutting factory on Clerkenwell Green, but it was a failure; the discussions at the Cape were unfruitful. The stones were sent to the Continent to be cut. A few reached Paris or New York for that purpose, for it was argued that the work must be executed in Antwerp or Amsterdam, because British labour could not be trained to give the same high results. The critics were wrong, and they were proved to be by a diamond merchant who, with sublime confidence, trained disabled soldiers and sailors to cut and polish diamonds as skilfully as do the Continental workers, with generations of tradition behind them. Mr. Bernard Oppenheimer invested no less than £350,000 in the building and equipment at Brighton of the largest diamond factories in the world. There, on the Lewes Road, one may see the magnificent buildings towering above the adjacent houses, and, if he is fortunate, may take a walk of two miles through the fine offices and thirteen splendidly equipped workshops, which provide accommodation for 2,000 men. The works-manager's office, in which the diamonds are received, weighed, sorted and marked out for the operators, is a room full of interest, but on entering the sawing room one is fascinated by the 200 electrically operated sawing-machines, which cut the stones into various sizes for further working; delicate bronze discs you could crush like paper between the fingers, charged with diamond dust and oil, revolving at a terrific speed, cut through the stones, which are pressed upon them by gravity. Incidentally, I might remark that 25 per cent. of the stones are still cleaved, *i.e.*, slit across the grain by a skilful cleaver who, with a single tap, splits a stone at the right point. The invention of these wonderfully thin bronze discs as cutting agents makes it possible to cut a diamond without reference to its line of cleavage, which runs parallel with the faces of the octahedra. After slitting, or sawing, the diamonds are passed on to the cutters, who roughly fashion them on small lathes; they next pass to the polishing shops, where the polishers do the bulk of the work. Mechanical dops are generally used, but for special work, the old-fashioned lead setting is still employed.

Diamonds had been cut, or polished, by "bruting" for centuries, until in 1456 Louis de Bequem discovered that, by means of a swiftly revolving horizontal wheel of iron charged with diamond dust and oil, he could grind or polish a stone quicker and more skilfully. De Bequem was the first man to cut a diamond with 64 facets. The modern brilliant has 58 facets. It is worked as follows: by the polisher pressing the stone on to the wheel of special alloy revolving at about 2,700 revolutions per minute, first four on the top and four on the bottom, then five smaller facets which give the brilliant thirty-three facets on top and twenty-five on the bottom. The various facets are "the table," the octagon-shaped top which one sees on the average brilliant; "eights," *i.e.*, the "stars" and "kites," and sixteen "halves." On the bottom eight "pentagons," sixteen "halves" and the "collet."

When the stones are finished they are returned to the works-manager's room, where they are cleaned, weighed, packed, and despatched to the selling offices, from which large quantities of the finished article are being sold in all quarters of the globe, and, moreover, in direct competition with the Continental centres of Antwerp and Amsterdam, thus providing sufficient proof that the confidence Mr. Bernard Oppenheimer had in British labour had not been misplaced.

It was a great adventure, when, in April, 1918, he took over the disabled men trained at the Brighton Technical College and set them to work in some converted buildings; his confidence was reciprocated, and the magnificent pile of factory buildings at Brighton are the outward and visible sign of his reliance. The "scheme," as it was called, has been an unqualified success. Disabled and, in a way, helpless men have been provided with remunerative employment, and Mr. Bernard Oppenheimer may justly take credit for the establishment in England of an industry which will, through its undoubted success, be the means of retaining hundreds of thousands of pounds which would have otherwise gone abroad. It is an industry profitable alike to the operatives and to the far-seeing founder of the Bernard Oppenheimer Diamond Works.

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Defeating the Profiteers.

We trust we shall not be guilty of "contempt of Court" if we express the hope that the motion by the Attorney-General to restrain the Fulham Corporation from carrying on a laundry business will not be successful. The Corporation's scale of charges is so very much lower than that of an ordinary laundry, that its scheme promised to be of the greatest value to the harassed Middle Class housewife, who was thus afforded a chance of reducing one very important item of expenditure.

A Living Wage.

Clerical workers engaged in administering the National Insurance Act have not had their salaries advanced sufficiently to meet either the increased cost of living or the additional work which they are now called on to perform. Actually the remuneration per insured member has increased by less than 50 per cent. since 1914. There is room for two opinions as to the value of the present system of compulsory insurance, but there can be no argument over the right of those administering it to receive a living wage.

A Boon for the Girl Clerk.

Apropos of our recent paragraph on "Pocket Lunches," we are informed that the Y.W.C.A. provides a large hall at its premises in George Street, Hanover Square, W., where typists and other women workers can eat their sandwiches, and buy a cup of tea or coffee or a bun at a buffet. It is an excellent idea, and such facilities are also wanted by the male clerical worker.

Falling Prices.

After clothes, food. Despite the frenzied assertions in the trade papers that price reductions are only temporary and due to special circumstances, the cost of every item of men's wear is steadily falling. Experts even predict that it will be possible to buy a suit next spring at half the price current at the end of last year. Women's apparel has not cheapened to the same extent. The reason is that men are more inclined to postpone buying new clothes while prices continue to be exorbitant. Is it necessary to point the moral?

A BLACK-COATED TRIUMPH.

As we have already pointed out, the action which the Guild of Insurance Officials has taken against the General Accident Assurance Corporation represents the first occasion on which the clerical workers of an entire industry have combined. More than that, organised clerical workers in general have rallied round the Guild, so that what was originally merely a protest against the high-handed dismissal of a few workers for the heinous crime of Trade Union membership is to-day collective action on the part of "black-coated" workers throughout the country. No more striking object-lesson has yet been given of the possibilities of combination on the part of the Middle Classes.

A NATION'S GRATITUDE.

Why should War Widows be called upon to pay Income Tax on their pensions, after giving their husbands for King and Country?

Disability pensions granted to officers and men are tax free and justly so, but surely the "widow's mite" should be equally free after the price paid. To give £1 pension with one hand and take back 3s. tax with the other is the very essence of refined cruelty, and surely not the reward a grateful nation meant to give its suffering women for "services rendered" by their Glorious Dead.—From Mrs. R. Spencer, Melville Street, Burnley, to whom a cheque for five guineas has been sent.

"DOING WITHOUT."

In New York, a great firm of caterers for the million has just reduced the price of all its dishes by 25 per cent. on the ground that "something had to be done to maintain custom," as "thousands of girls" were bringing luncheon to their offices. The policy of the "pocket lunch" has thus helped to bring down prices in America, and recent reductions by the London tea-shops show that the practice of "doing without" is equally effective on this side of the Atlantic.

The New Poverty.

A recent advertisement in the "Personal" column of a daily paper set forth the case of an officer whose only income is his Army pay, and whose son is attending a Council School. "Is there one boarding school," he appealed, "that will squeeze in my boy on benevolent grounds?" In the long run, it is the community which suffers from New Poverty of this type, as we may yet discover when trained officers are wanted for the next war.

Organise and Act!

"Your 'Silent Sufferers' page is an excellent idea," writes a correspondent, "a real safety valve for those who are too timid to voice their grievances publicly." We appreciate the compliment, but the whole purpose of this page is to encourage not merely the voicing of legitimate grievances, but to stimulate joint action that will help to remove them. Organised artizan labour has obtained its well-deserved improvements in wages and hours through collective action, and the same weapon lies ready to the grasp of the Middle Classes if they choose to utilise it.

"On the Road."

During the war, there were practically no commercial travellers "on the road." Now that they have returned, with very much to make up in the way of lost time and money, they are in many instances being offered less than pre-war salaries. A Glasgow firm recently advertised for a traveller at £3 a week—equal to perhaps 25s. at to-day's level of prices—and we know of at least one ex-"commercial" who has taken to work as a labourer under his Urban District Council. Sweated salaries in this calling are all the less excusable, because it is to the employer's own interest that his representatives should maintain a good appearance. How can that be kept up on £3 a week—especially if there are a wife and family to support? We may, however, expect an improvement as the result of the decision last week to establish a National Union of Commercial Travellers, whose organisation is to be on Trade Union lines.

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Not 'Enery 'Awkins:—The crew of H.M.S. *Hawkins* of the China Station tell us that they are up against it, and that if the Admiralty had an Inquiry made, things might be bettered. We put it to our Lords at Whitehall.

Unhappy Birdmen:—Houton Bay, Orkney Islands, is not altogether a paradise. Some of the birdmen down there say that some person so far forgot his family honour as to steal a Ford engine. All leave to Kirkwall has been stopped owing to this lapse on the part of a man who bagged the bit of machinery. It is not as if he were by any means the only, or even the principal, offender.

The Old, Old Question:—Many more letters have reached us from India asking if it is fair that men soldiering in that part of the world should have smaller pay than those who are doing cushy service in the Kingdom. We emphatically say that we are on their side, but the Indian Financial Department seems to be out to sweat everybody but natives.

From Palestine:—Gunners and others in the 91st Battery R.F.A. who are at Ludd, in Palestine, are on their hind legs because they cannot receive the unexpended portion of their kit allowance each quarter. Like so many others who are half starved, they have to empty their trousers pockets of their few rupees to keep body and soul together. They have other complaints, which we leave over for the moment.

A Growl from Gretna:—Gretna is a place where runaway couples used to get married on the strict Q.T. There is now a big Government factory on the spot, where many ex-Service men were employed. We are informed that those squeezed oranges are being dismissed while agricultural labourers and pensioned policemen who never held a rifle are kept on. Why should it be so?

Wast'ng State Funds:—A mobilised Coldstream Guardsman placed in store his property—not private, but "conventionally necessary for army service"—the value of which was £5 14s. 6d. Acting on Army Orders he asked for a refund, as his goods were lost, strayed, or stolen, and he was sent a draft for the sum of 2s. 9d. by the Command Paymaster, London District, Tavistock Square. How they do loot the poor devils!

All In the Game:—On the way to India a regiment of Hussars were lectured on what they should or should not do while in the burning East—among other things to report sick should they feel the slightest ailment, particularly colds. Now they are in Secunderabad, but if any man reports sick he is usually charged with malingering. The same regiment has numerous complaints, which no doubt the General will look into when he reads this paragraph.

Feed the Brutes:—Will the Commanding Officer of the R.A.S.C., M.T., 9th Mob. Company, at Lakedown Aerodrome, see if the quality, quantity and cooking of his men's rations can be improved?

Danger Money:—Train Ferries No. 1 and No. 3 have been engaged for some months carrying ammunition from Dieppe to Southampton. The men are refused danger money, although the stuff is received from barges on the other side whose crews are obtaining the allowances. If old ammunition is dangerous on a French barge, is it not dangerous on a British ship? But such inconsistencies are rife in the Service.

Our Daily "Thank You":—From R. M—, Hendon.—"Just a line to let you know that at last I have received my arrears of pension. But for your valuable help I expect I would still be waiting. Please accept the enclosed for your Fund, which I will augment as circumstances permit."

RACING NOTES.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the SPORTING LIFE.)

A Weight-Carrying Four-Year-Old.

Those who at first blush think Pomme-de-Terre has too much weight in the Manchester November Handicap must bear in mind two things. Firstly, that the race is a light-weight handicap; and, secondly, that Lord Zetland's four-year-old is built on such generous lines that weight rides lightly on his strong back. We can, therefore, rely on Pomme-de-Terre to require a lot of beating, and only in his absence should we turn to Orsan, who was the victim of bad luck when such a good second to Square Measure in the Liverpool Autumn Cup.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

WARWICK—WEDNESDAY.
Saltisford Handicap.—LIVORNO.
Wroxton Handicap.—*CHAMARMIN.
Guy's Plate—FALSE PIETY.

MANCHESTER—THURSDAY.
Thursday Plate—*ULSTER LAD.
Delamere Handicap—SAVILE ROW.
Rothschild Plate—SENNENT D'AMOUR.

MANCHESTER—FRIDAY.
Flying Handicap—*PRINCESS MARGARET.
Lancashire Nursery—BEAUREGARD.
Pendleton Plate—LOWESWATER.

MANCHESTER—SATURDAY.
Farewell Handicap—*MINTLEAF.
Manchester November Handicap—POMME-DE-TERRE or ORSAN.
Worsley Nursery—NIGHT BOMBER.

LINGFIELD PARK—FRIDAY.
Open Club Welter—SERBAN.
Yewhurst Welter—*PATLANDER.

LINGFIELD PARK—SATURDAY.
Back End Handicap—VALENTINE VOX
Country Maiden Stakes—*BRIGHT ORB.
Southern Maiden Plate—CONTROL.

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Another of Three:—With a wife and three children to support, one of our returned "heroes" has to do the apparently impossible on £1 3s. a week. He was naturally compelled to seek our help.

A Hard Case:—Discharged with a pension of 12s. 4d. a week, an ex-soldier can find no work. He has several children to keep, and his wife is about to enter hospital for an operation.

A Hero's Plight:—He left the Army with three special decorations. He has not yet found work, has no pension, and his wife was about to be confined when he came to us.

For Eviction:—Another ex-soldier has been out of work for months, and has a wife and three young children. Short rations was the order for the family; but, worse still, they were under an Eviction Order until we were applied to.

"Blessed"?—Owning a family of eight, a man can get only a casual labourer's job, with insufficient money to keep going. His troubles were increased by the confinement of his wife—and the previous baby's clothing had been pawned to make ends meet.

OUR OWN STARVING FIRST.

In the early summer we predicted that this winter would be a severe time for the poor. We were not unduly pessimistic when we forecasted that trade slumps and unemployment would enormously increase the demands upon our fund. Look around and see if we were right. We know we were, for the pressure upon our resources has increased and increased, and is still increasing. And who are those who make application for your help?

In over ninety per cent. of the cases they are men who were out and fought for us—the men who were dressed in unlovely khaki, wore iron hats to protect their heads from shrapnel, and carried rifles that they cared for as they would care for their beloved "nipper." You remember them when they came home on short leave and you almost worshipped them for being the heroes that they were? You remember when the big push was on and you waited outside the railway terminus to cheer the wounded, particularly the lying-down cases, who but a handful of hours previously had been evacuated from the dressing-stations in the field out there where the men now appealing to our fund and your generosity were doing the work of demi-gods?

And now they are back—to what? In an enormous number of cases—it is estimated that they total a quarter of a million—to unemployment, the only barrier between themselves and starvation the meagre out-of-work dole.

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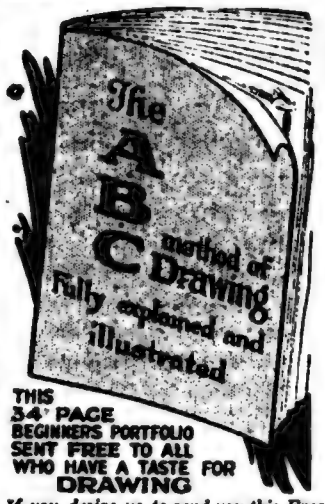

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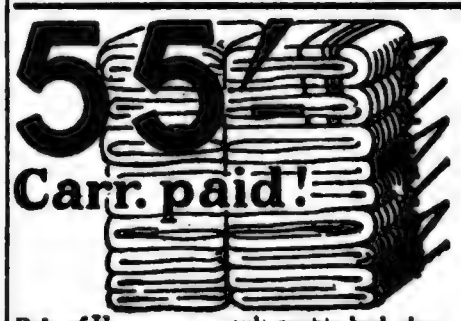

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J. B. (Musselburgh).—"Townshend, the Hero of Kut, Found all Britain's Honours shops shut." But the ungrateful authorities have succeeded in Wrekin his career in a fashion they did not intend.

J. M. (Lewis).—Apparently the Government have no intention of removing any of the irritating restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages. But sometimes of what the Government proposes the House of Commons disposes.

R. E. B. (Thetford).—We believe in a minimum living wage for every worker but would give them all an opportunity to earn as much more as their skill and industry might command.

S. A. G. C. (Tulse Hill).—The so-called League of Nations, as at present constituted, is no more a guarantee against war than life insurance is against death.

R. W. S. (S. Vancouver).—"The general attitude in England towards Pussyfoot is that of amused tolerance. Treat him with the same intolerance as he would treat you." We won't treat him to anything.

CAPT. H. G. N. (New York).—We are kept closely in touch with the American Press. The opinion of the *Saturday Evening Post* that our Editor would be well received in the United States is noted.

C. H. M. (Little Dunham).—We have sent you one of our latest photographs in order that you may compare it with Mr. *Punch's* sketch. Which of the two is the less ugly we must leave you to determine.

"DAILY MIRROR" READER.—Thanks for your remarkable intimation that certain passages in the Burial Service come direct from the Bible. But there are several things in that Old Book which we should not like to see form part of the Burial Service!

W. B. (Bracknell).—Ascot wants to re-start work on its sewer, but has to wait for "a paper from the Minister of Health." Why should Ascot wait? And a number of would-be workers also.

"LADY LINGUIST" (Eastern Road).—"One night an old gentleman said, 'I'm so tired, I must go to bed'; When close by his side, JOHN BULL he espied, So he sat up till midnight and read!" Yes, we do make the sleepyheads sit up.

J. K. (London, N.).—As you will see, we *have* found more space for the "Letter Bag"—that "gently sarcastic" and "highly amusing" feature of our "eminent journal."

J. W. N. (Philadelphia).—The "old Union Jack" is a fine patriotic emblem, and insults to it by a few misguided women are beneath notice.

E. A. C. (Hastings).—We appreciate your kind thought that we "really should be knighted or have some special honour for all we have done these years for . . . dear old England." But we would accept nothing less than a dukedom.

J. E. (Seamen's Institute, South Shields).—"Let me, as ship's fireman, go into that House of Commons." And oh, how soon you would cry to be out of it!

"A READER."—"Perhaps you will tell us what you know concerning the uprisings and downsittings of Sylvia Pankhurst." We are not intimate enough to tell you of her uprisings, but presume she sits down periodically like the rest of her sex.

"PAT" (Aberdeen).—"Not agreeing with your politics at all, I must honestly confess my respect for you in your denunciation of cruelty to animals." Thanks for those few currants.

R. A. McD. (Motherwell).—"If ever I get to London I will call at Long Acre, when we must have a half together." Sounds rather like two bites at a cherry.

A. R. (Sidford).—In cases of splenetic incoherence such as yours, ice poultices to the head are requisite.

"MILKO" (E.13).—Our statement was on the authority of Dr. Leeson. No medical man would dispute the fact that if our national milk supply were watched and superintended as it ought to be, thousands of lives would be saved every year.

H. W. (Dorchester).—"Not too old, by gum, to chase out the Hun," etc. You need not "reserve musical and operatic rights." Nobody would pinch them.

MRS. D. R. (Wickham Market).—"I could a tale unfold, but I will spare you." Uncurl it, should the spirit move you.

M. C. (Tooting).—Seventy members of the Corps of Commissionaires, medalled and ribboned, parade daily for work, without getting it. Employers should jump at the chance of engaging such men.

"STILL LAUGHING" (Tring).—The incident of the Canon, the lady, and the two bicycles is funny enough for the columns of the *Church Times*.

A. L. (Sheffield).—Glad you share our utter scorn for that poisonous rag, "The Red Dawn," published by the International Proletarian School Movement at 17, Oswald Street, Glasgow. Pah! Its offence is rank, and smells to heaven.

A. J. B. (London).—"When I go into these places (restaurants) I demand that an Englishman wait upon me." When your request is refused, we presume you "wait upon" the alien.

E. C. (New York).—"My forefathers were all English and I am ashamed to admit it." We can understand your shame, for your letter is a disgrace to them.

"NIL DESP." (Stirling).—You have reason to be disgruntled in regard to the delay in settling your son's unemployment pay appeal, but we don't doubt a great many inquiries had to be made.

M. N. (Highgate).—Looks as if you will have to give your wife a better explanation than that you dare not go home in the dark.

C. W. (N.W.1) has a housemaid who was "called over to Ireland three weeks ago to find her home had been robbed and burned and her father, mother and sister brutally insulted" by Sinn Feiners. Too terrible.

"POSTCARD" (Bournemouth).—"I don't reckon to be a classified judge. I am what I am not and not what I am." The main question is where you ought to be.

"DISABLED BUFF" (Sittingbourne).—"Though they could see I was disabled, not one of five gentlemen in a crowded carriage offered me his seat." You deplorably misuse the word "gentlemen."

WUDE U. (Rothesay).—"How many Scottish members were present at the passing of the Education (Scotland) Act?" Better ask a Scottish member.

MRS. M. B. (Hendon).—"If my sister calls I have to see her in the bathroom." After all, that's better than the coal-hole, or some other places.

"MISSING SOLDIER."—Mr. Ernest W. Cattell, of Ye Olde Pilgrimme's Inn, Glastonbury, Somerset, is anxious to receive particulars relative to the death and burial place of his brother, of the 4th North Staffs. Regt., who was reported killed in France on or about October 28th, 1918.

E. T. (Barking).—Keep up your spirits. Try a day in bed with "Black and White." Some in a bottle and the rest in volume form—preferably Odhams "Fourpennies," those very handy little novels.

EDWARD BISHOP (83, Christchurch Road, Tulse Hill) says he has nothing to do with the person upstairs at that address against whom, as "Marakeb," running a "mail order" game, we have warned readers.

G. M. H. (Durham).—"If a child is born in France of an American mother and an English father, what nationality does the child claim?" The lucky little begger can claim to be British.

J. W. M. (Bowness).—Following our story of the War Widow of Windermere, we delight to learn she and her child will not now be ejected from her cottage, the matter having been amicably settled by the owner and the N.F.D.S. and S. Congrats. to all parties!

E. K. (North Shields).—To camouflage a German picture postcard between the covers of a Christmas card printed "British Manufacture" is a dirty trick, and we should like to know the name of the unscrupulous firm who perpetrated it.

"OBSERVER" (New York).—"There are a number of other things I can tell you of this young, childish, not quite sane nation. Indecent houses in Brooklyn; White Slave Act——." Hold, enough!

E. B. H. (Westgate).—"I have been staying at Westgate-on-Sea." Some people have all the luck.

T. G. (Witham).—"The distance a person has to travel for the first drink should be repeated for every subsequent drink." But surely nine miles would be a long way to walk for three drinks?

S. I. R. (Chester).—Consult a doctor. We should say you eat too much dinner, and the wrong sort of dinner when you eat it. Don't make a god of your belly.

MRS. M. H. (Ennis).—"There's good and bad of all sorts, so don't run the Irish down." We agree that some are a lot less wild than others.

L. G. (London, N.).—"Thanks so much for JOHN BULL. You are so sportingly just." Just so.

MRS. E. W. (Forest Gate).—"Armistice Day ceremonials belong to the nation. Why barricades?" For the maintenance of public order and convenience.

INQUIRER (Old Trafford).—"Is the *Mail* aware Manchester Corporation watermen have been wearing its hat for this last thirty years?" Probably not.

E. F. (Cheltenham).—Discharged and in a Sanatorium, you sent 8s. 9d. for Army boots to the Canadian Boot Co., Amhurst Road, and they deny receiving the money. Why, oh why, will people risk money in this way? Haven't we printed warnings enough?

"CONSTANT READER."—A prisoner who has once been acquitted on a charge of murder cannot be placed on trial a second time, even though he afterwards confess his guilt. You see, he may be mistaken, and hanging is no joke.

L. K. (Crouch End).—Your suggestion that "everyone entering for the 'Bullets' Competition should send an additional P.O. for 6d. as a contribution to the "Greatest of These Fund" is one we prefer to leave on a voluntary footing.

W. P. (Madeley).—"Miners earning an average of £5 a week object to paying 3 per cent. to a checkweighman." Workmen are often bad employers.

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LETTER BAG.—(*Continued from page 22.*)

J. K. (Glasgow).—Our contributor who perpetrated the limerick you refer to, argues that a man who marries his aunt becomes his own uncle. Hence children would be nephews and nieces. But it's all horribly against the Tables of Affinity.

F. J. S. (Winton).—"I hope you do not find my letters uninteresting." They would be entrancing if you would do 'em in ink, not pencil.

A. S. G. (Aston).—All the Foreign Office can do for you, a victim of Ruhleben, is to tell you to await results from the Reparation Commission. And we beg you to build no high hopes upon that.

"SWITCH" (Newquay).—Policemen are not supposed to colour, garble, or edit statements made to them, and we believe they do their best in the cause of justice; black sheep excepted.

"HAIRDRESSER" (Millfield).—If you increase the number of the basins in your saloon from one to three it suggests that you are doing more business, and consequently using more water, although only one of them may be equipped with a supply. Hence, to an extent, the Water Company's justification for increased charges.

D. C. (Greenock).—We should say emphatically that £500 a year is not a living wage for a young bank-clerk in Canada, unless there are liberal allowances in addition.

M. E. (Sutton Coldfield) wonders why there is no law to prevent the employment of married women in the place of single girls. Married women claim the right to work if they want to. Doubtless they keep many single girls out of jobs.

W. D. R. (Stoke-on-Trent).—"Your article . . . should undoubtedly create a touching impression." Exactly, our desire in writing it was to "touch" employers on behalf of out-of-work ex-Servicemen.

"A LAMENT" (1914 Man) thus.—"The foxes have their hiding place, the birds their nightly bed, Disabled soldiers have not where to lay their weary head; When war broke out they were the first right overseas to go, And now their country's gratitude is colder than the snow."

P. T. (Honiton).—Dear, dear! What a learned man you are. "And still we gaze, and still the wonder grows, that one small head can carry all he knows."

D. P. (Carlisle).—Don't be over anxious. As saith the Bard, "Striving to better, oft we mar what's well."

E. H. (Leytonstone).—"I can strike a blow at the leaders of the coal miners and railway men." No doubt; but what we want is for the miners to strike blows at the coal.

W. O. (Manchester).—"It is indeed a treat to read the leading articles in JOHN BULL." You're right, sonny; but don't let us tempt you to neglect your food.

MR. H. C. CANSDALE (Clapham Common) sent us a letter printed in our "People's Pulpit." A reader at Lincoln then wrote to him, turning out to be a cousin. It has been our pleasant fate to bring together two branches of a family separated for a century.

"FAIRPLAY" (Pontypool). — "The Council here has given an employee a rise of 6d. per week of 66 hours. How much an hour would it come to?" Our accountant and his staff are working it out in decimals.

"ALSO RAN" (Drayton Park).—"Down at Rainham they've got lots of plots, And the plots will be drawn for by lots; The lots who draw blanks, Won't send letters of thanks. In the end they'll be lots without plots." But you are not an "also ran"; you get a place.

C. S. (Chesterfield).—"What a glorious thing to be rich." Yes, except when it ends in gout or gastritis.

G. G. (King's Cross, N.W.).—Sorry to hear of your being "left with no home." And some chaps we know have quite nice ones that they hardly know by sight.

P. S. (Seacombe).—You're too pessimistic altogether. You don't even seem able to bring yourself to the opinion that the world is like the curate's egg.

Q. M. (London).—". . . For everybody buys JOHN BULL (that is, if they are wise), Although I've had a few small ones I don't intend to stop; I can't be happy till I get That big prize on the top." Good luck!

GLADYS R. C. (Bexhill-on-Sea).—We consider that imprisonment "without the option" was a perfectly just sentence. However much of a nuisance the dog was, nothing justified such horrible cruelty.

"CONFIDENT" (Armagh).—Your recipe for "sounding the death knell of crime in Ireland," duly to hand. Suggest you offer same to Government for three half-crowns.

P. S. (Huddersfield).—In wine is truth. What's your favourite vintage?

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"PATRIOTIC ENGLISHMAN" (Glasgow)—"I tell the Scots they cannot boast a Bottomley." Bet that riles them.

"VICTIMISED COFFEE LOVER" (South-end).—"Wholesale market price of coffee, about 7d. per lb. The cheapest I can buy retail, 2s. 4d. per lb." Which seems to show how profiteers grow fat on the diff.

M. C. J. (Aberdeen).—Aberdeen isn't the only place in the kingdom where the police are so busy tracking down boys who commit trivial offences that the serious criminals escape.

J. E. B. (Hackney Wick).—It must be galling to a gatekeeper, a married man with a family, and working 72 hours a week at a wage of 50s., to see boys of 20, with no responsibilities, drawing 68s. for a 48 hours week. But it is only one instance of the cussedness of things.

"ARGUMENTUM AD JUDICIUM" (Kensington).—"The majority of people in this country are either daft or blind." We deny the allegation and defy the allegator.

"SINNER."—With your views on Divorce Law Reform we are in full agreement. You should leave other people to call you harsh names.

"CONSTANT READER."—"Will you please tell me the different rates of Income Tax in other countries?" If the rate in this country is not enough for you, you must be greedy.

"A BELFAST READER."—We were already familiar with the seditious trash written by John Maclean, M.A., on the subject of a Scottish Communist Republic, and circulated in pamphlet form. The paper is so poor that it is unworthy of the meanest domestic usage.

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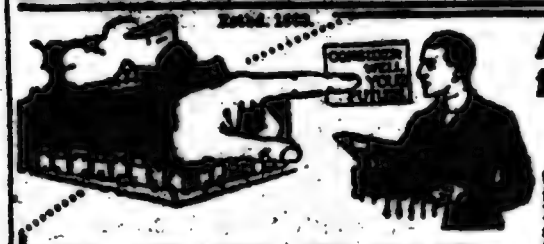

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Market Megrims.

Day by day the Stock Exchange presents a woebegone appearance, and investors see the prices of their securities crumbling before their eyes. In the old days it would have all been put down to the machinations of those wicked "bears," and everybody would have been more or less satisfied with the explanation. But there are no bears now—at least, none worth mentioning—and the reason for the weakness must be looked for elsewhere. Mainly it is due to two causes—the after-effects of recent labour troubles and Government extravagance.

Out of Gear.

Labour difficulties, and particularly the coal strike, have thrown industry out of gear to an extent which is not generally realised. Bankers have become uneasy, and are not only unwilling to grant fresh credit facilities, but are remorselessly curtailing existing loans. This applies to New York and other centres as well as London, and important mercantile failures are of daily occurrence. Perhaps that is inevitable, because the boom is always followed by the slump, and the trouble may last some time yet. But the Government could help greatly if it showed any zeal for real economy—instead of which we are coolly assured that the Ministry of Munitions is a huge revenue earning department!

The Future of the Diamond Industry.

Up till March last there was an unprecedented demand for all classes of diamonds. Since then, business has slackened off, but the markets remain firm, which is borne out by the fact that prices are at least 30 per cent. higher than they were a year ago, and a big revival in the demand is expected from the United States.

South African Diamond Corporation.

Thus the Report and Balance Sheet, bringing the accounts down to the 30th June last, makes good showing. The profits for the year total over £130,000—over three times the amount earned during the previous year.

Courtauld's "Melon."

Of course, it has been known for a long time that the shares in the American Viscose Co., of a par value of about 9½ million dollars, stood in Courtauld's books at a purely nominal sum. Two years ago the directors proposed to revalue them and give the shareholders one preference and one ordinary for each share held, but the Treasury, for some mysterious reason, vetoed the scheme. Now the shares are to be valued at £7,806,000, and £194,000 is to be taken from reserves so as to allow of the distribution of £8,000,000 in the proportion of two bonus shares for every one held. At the beginning of this year there was a bonus of 100 per cent. from reserves, so that there has been "some" melon to cut up.

Inelastic Rubber.

There are no signs as yet of any material improvement in the Rubber Market, and the price has been down to almost 1s. That is below the average cost of production, and if it were to persist for any length of time, many estates would probably revert to jungle. But it is not likely to become so bad as that. The present unfortunate position is due to over-speculation in New York and to a lesser degree in Singapore, just at a time when the motor industry was in a state of reaction. However, things will right themselves presently, and holders of good shares need not be unduly alarmed.

Aerated Bread.

This company has had another very successful year, and although the dividend is cut down from 30 per cent. to 25 per cent., it represents a distribution of £32,500 more owing to the recent distribution of bonus shares. It is stated that there has been a large increase in the turnover, but the percentage of profit has been smaller owing to increased expenses and the higher cost of materials. Whether or not the absorption of Buszards (adversely criticised at the time in some quarters) proved the turning point in the company's career, it is at any rate a curious coincidence that great progress has been made since that deal was carried through.

British Bank for Foreign Trade.

An interesting scheme has been prepared by the directors of the British Bank for Foreign Trade, of which the well-known financier, Mr. C. Birch Crisp, is Chairman, for dealing with the depreciation in its large holding of Russian Government, Corporation and Railway Bonds, in connection with the issue of which he played a prominent part in pre-war days. The chief feature of the scheme is the surrender to the company by the existing shareholders of £600,000 worth of their shares, thus reducing their holdings from £840,000 to £240,000—the £3 10s. shares in the meantime being consolidated into others of £1 each. Arrangements are being made to place £210,000 unissued capital of the Bank, the shareholders having prior right to apply for them. The Russian securities are now being written down in the books of the Bank from £621,519 to £21,519. It will be thus seen that difficulties have been met without imposing any obligation on the existing shareholders.

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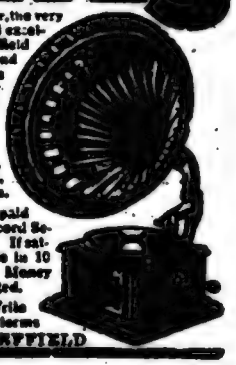
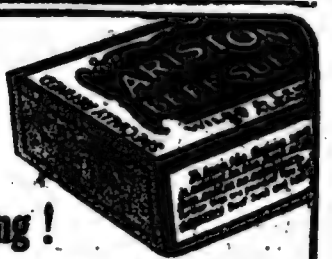


TO MEN ONLY.
Keeping the razor keen is most men's difficulty. The ordinary strop cannot do it because steel is harder than leather. But it will put on an edge like a newly-set razor if treated to the proper abrasive. There wasn't one worth the name till recently when we accidentally discovered "Slatestone" which has a marvellous effect on steel, making shaving easy to the stiffest bearded man, as thousands testify.
FREE TEST Prove this at our expense. Send 6d. or 1s. for a cake and if you are dissatisfied return it, when your money plus postage will be refunded at once. "Slatestone" Razor Paste is obtainable of Ironmongers, Stores and Cutlers in 6d. and 1s. cakes, and traders are invited to send for trade terms. Write to-day to Sole Makers: County Chemical Co., Ltd., Chemico Works, Birmingham.

No more SUET Chopping!



NO { Preservative, Waste, Impurities,

yet keeps fresh for weeks. Use Blocks for frying, and Shredded in place of Butchers' Suet for all purposes. Can be used to the last grain.

For Nutriment and Economy, use
ARISTON BEEF SUET.
To be obtained at all Grocers. Packed in ½ and 1lb. cartons. Sample sizes. Block 3d. Shredded 3d.—WILES & LEWIS, Ltd., St. Albans.
Established over a Century.

THE JOHN BULL GUARANTEE. *We guarantee the goods advertised by every firm whose trade announcement appears in* JOHN BULL, *i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for their being of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of payment, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one week from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to* JOHN BULL, *Advertisement Department, 12, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.*

TERRIBLE DISCLOSURES OF A TWO YEARS' SIEGE.

Heroic Women Workers' Appeal For Help to Save Europe's Starving Children.

THE DAILY BATTLE AGAINST DEATH IN THE FAMINE AREA A SHORT JOURNEY FROM LONDON.

THE most dreadful siege in history is taking place in Europe to-day—a short journey from where you are reading now, comforted by a hearty breakfast or a pleasant, warming lunch.

All the sieges which have thrilled nations by their grim records of suffering and heroic defence pale into insignificance compared with the terrors of this one. Paris, Plevna, Mafeking, Kut, have a cloak of glory which obscures much of the squalor and the carnage—but to-day's siege has no military pomps and no flaunting banners.

Famine, Cold and Disease are the besiegers. The daily casualties numbering always hundreds and often thousands, are innocent little children—not strong, fighting men.

And this siege has been going on for two years!

Two years—during which Millions of Children have died!

MILLIONS MORE ARE IN DEADLY PERIL TO-DAY.

Every effort is being made, but adequate support must be forthcoming. The heroic relief work undertaken by helpers—amongst whom are scores of devoted women—is sorely hampered by lack of funds wherewith food and clothes can be bought and distributed.

It is a desperate appeal that is being made to YOU to-day. Imagine one of these heroic women workers appealing to you for the life of a child. Imagine the little one, terribly ill and racked with pain, whose lips have not touched food for many days. Then think of your own well-stocked larder; think of the little grumbles you may have indulged in when food or drink has not been exactly to your liking; and yet again, bring back your mind to the awful plight of Europe's starving babies.

Bread? Why, even the hardest, stalest crust would be luxury to scores of thousands! Milk? In some of these devasted Famine Areas of Europe, and through vast tracts of Western Asia, there is scarcely a pint to every hundred children! And now a terrible, ruthless Winter has swept down upon the survivors of this two years' massacre and is threatening to exterminate with Cold and Storm those who have lived despite the privations they have endured.

CAN YOU REALISE THE TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF THE CHILDREN OF EUROPE?

It seems almost impossible for the average Briton to realise the true awfulness of the calamity that is now sweeping over the Famine-stricken Areas. In England, even if the Coal Strike had continued for six months or a year, our own children could never have been reduced to anything approaching the plight of the children of our neighbours. Remember those in the Famine Areas have been continually underfed for more than five years. Frequently, little babies of two and three years old are found on their miserable mattresses with their arms broken. The bones in their tiny limbs have become so affected from under-feeding and from disease that even the slightest shock has broken them. A worker reports that in her region one child in every five between the years of two and seven could not walk, and many of them will remain for ever bent-limbed dwarfs. Remember, that over territories of thousands of square miles there are no crops, no farms, very few houses in a habitable state. Remember, that in many villages to-day cruel famine and painful disease have slain almost the entire infant population.

HEARTRENDING REPORTS.

The most heartrending reports come to hand from the Relief-workers in the Famine Areas authenticated facts, beyond doubt or dispute, which in Fiction would be thought too highly coloured or exaggerated.

"As I was leaving a dark court where the sun never enters I chanced upon a little girl with joints so bent and deformed that she was walking almost on her ankles. I went home with her and found she was one of a family of five children living in a miserable room. One of the girls had a nasty swelling on her chest caused by scurvy and bad food. As I came in they were just sitting down to a meal consisting of two plates of greasy watery mush. There was nothing else on the table. The mother told a most heartrending tale of her struggle to keep her children alive."

CONDITIONS TOO APPALLING TO DESCRIBE.

Lest there are some who think this picture over-drawn, let them read these extracts of reports from Relief Commissioners on the spot—the authenticated accounts of eye-witnesses, corroborated in every detail.

1. "In some districts there is not a child alive under 7 years of age, their Mothers being too starved to nurse them and there being no milk at all.
2. "Anæmic and under-nourished children get their limbs frost-bitten. They live in unheated dwellings.
3. "Mothers have no milk for their Babies, and the Babies are too weak to cry for want of it.
4. (A Hospital.) "All kinds of bed clothing are falling to pieces. There is no material for bandages, and no Soap.
5. "Babies are born to parents who have not a single rag or garment with which to clothe them; they are wrapped in pieces of paper and perish from cold.
6. "The refugees have no houses, no clothes, no tools. The children are more ragged skeletons.
7. "There are 120,000 tuberculous children, 22,000 of them suffering from tuberculous disease of the bones . . . so crippled with Rickets that at 5 and 6 years of age they are unable to walk.
8. "Many children roam about unfed and savage like little wild animals.
9. ". . . Eleven children, dead of famine, lying by the roadside in a journey of 50 miles.
10. "Underfeeding and Rickets produce strange diseases hitherto unknown or extremely rare."

But it is agony to continue. Nothing more appalling or on so enormous a scale has been seen in the history of mankind. British, American and Continental Missions are working their utmost, and are gradually providing shelters, refuges, food kitchens, and hospitals. Every day more and more children are being removed from the danger zones—from the beleaguered regions where the cold white terror of Death discharges his silent and dreadful artillery.

More help is wanted AT ONCE to save many thousands of needless deaths. It is a race against TIME. Soon, we all devoutly hope, this long-drawn-out siege will be raised, and then we, too, in Britain can raise our heads and say, "Thank God, we didn't let them starve."

HE WHO HESITATES—LOSES THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

So economically and efficiently—so free from red-tape and officialdom is the work of relief undertaken by the "Save the Children" Fund that every TWO SHILLINGS contributed in this country will actually provide a meal each day for A CHILD IN THE FAMINE AREA FOR ONE WEEK!! It is a wonder of organisation and speedy distribution. The priceless week's respite from Death which such a gift can procure enables the Relief Workers to gain another step in their magnificent work of Child-rescue.

Perhaps you could afford to save one or two children thus—or 20, 50, 100—even 1,000. In any case, whatever you can spare, please remember the terrible and desperate urgency of the need. Death in the Famine Area is all too swift.

It is a grim responsibility we bear, but let us all unite and discharge it for the sake of Humanity; because Sympathy prompts and Pity dictates and because it is the noblest thing a man or woman can do to save the life of a child!

Send your contribution TO-DAY to Lord Weardale, "Save the Children" Fund (Room 400), 26, Golden Square, London, W.1.

For Sundays: Morning, the NATIONAL NEWS; Evening, the SUNDAY EVENING TELEGRAM.

£250 FIRST PRIZE

2nd Prize £20

3rd Prize £10

10 PRIZES OF £5

10 PRIZES OF £2-10

25 PRIZES OF 10/-

2,000 Popular Novels

100 PRIZES OF 5/-

500 PRIZES OF 2/6

2,000 "TARGET" PRIZES

Look out NEXT WEEK for the BIGGEST Bullets Prize EVER OFFERED!

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—*Example*:—FAIR FIGHT. *Bullet*:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 396.

OUR YOUNG MAN	BRITISH RACE	LADY'S COMPANION	RECKLESS
LOOKING FOR WIFE	NOT JUST NOW	WAITING TO BE ASKED	INSIDE OUT
OVER HERE	WON'T HELP	SPORTING OFFER	CHANGE OF OCCUPATION
AFTER A BIT	A STRAIGHT DEAL	A BIT THICK	BADLY SERVED
POOR SUPPLY	TOP HOLE	MARKED MAN	WON'T BUDGE
NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY	BRINGING THINGS DOWN	BY ALL MEANS	AT A STANDSTILL
IN DANGER	SOUND ADVICE	NOT RIGHT	REST EASY
HARD TO KEEP	ON THE CHEAP	EARLY AND LATE	THINKING TWICE

Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

No. _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(396) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.

Signed _____

Address _____

If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

No. _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(396) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.

Signed _____

Address _____

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 396, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

No. _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(396) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed _____

Address _____

Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

No. _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(396) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.

Signed _____

Address _____

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 397.

MY CHRISTMAS BOX—IN TEN YEARS' TIME—ALL BRITISH—NEVER—READY TO STRIKE—TOMMY'S HOME—PAST AND PRESENT—GOOD BOY—ENGLISH HEDGES—LOWER ORDERS—A WEAK MAN—IN THE DOCK—NEW WORLD—THE MAIDEN'S PRAYER—SELLING RACE—NOT FOR ME—DEAR TO US—FIGHTING CHANCE—MOST AGITATING WHEN—GOVERNMENT GRANTS

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons above, and must reach us on or before **Thursday, Dec. 16.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **397** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 397, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two Examples for Competition 396.

Result of 394th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:
Mr. G. G. RODERICK,
62, Llanthewy Road, Newport, Mon.
Example:—DEVIL TO PAY.
Bullet:—AFTER A "HEAVENLY TIME."

SECOND PRIZE OF £20:
Mr. J. HENRY KNEALE, 51, Steven Street, Chester.
Example:—HIGH AND LOW.
Bullet:—OR BARE AND THREADBARE.

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:
Mr. W. D. WATSON,
c.o. Grant, 6, Windsor Terrace, Portobello, Edinburgh.
Example:—RETURNED EMPTY.
Bullet:—GROCER'S BOY MAKES SURE.

10 Prizes of £5 each:

Mr. F. EDWARDS, 19, Cranbury Place, Southampton: YELLOW PERIL—PUSSYFOOT TACKLED WRONG ONE.
Mr. J. DAWSON, 29, Arthington Street, Bradford: THE LAST STRIKE—IF MEN PLANNED HOUSEKEEPING.
Miss E. DALLY, 20, Headland Park, Mutley, Plymouth: HAPPY ENDING—HEADLIGHTS AFTER FOOTLIGHTS.
Mr. W. J. WILLIAMS, 42, Seaton Street, Chelsea: HIGH AND LOW—LEADERS TALK, MEN'S FUNDS.
Mr. A. R. DREW, 50, Lugard Road, Peckham, S.E.: LIVING WAGE—THOUGH CALLED, DOESN'T ANSWER.
Mr. W. DAVEY, 101, Mildmay Road, London, N.: SLOW AND SURE—WISEST MOTHER BUILDS CHARACTER.
Mr. H. J. BRITTEN, 21, Menter Street, Longsight, Manchester: PLAYED OUT—WARS OR LEAGUE—WHICH?
Mr. T. BAKER, 7, Alba Gardens, Golders Green, N.W.: IRELAND'S MOTTO — ALWAYS "POT" YOUR OPPONENT.
Mrs. B. THORNICROFT, 306, Fishponds Causeway, Bristol: MOTHER'S PURSE — OFTEN "PROVIDES AN EDUCATION."
Mrs. C. FISHER, 18, Stoneleigh Street, North Kensington: WHAT WIFE WANTS—MANY COULD TELL ASQUITH.

10 Prizes of £2 10s. each:

Mr. H. WATSON, 41, Branch Rd., Burnley: WIFE'S TEARS—APPEAL REVERSING PREVIOUS DECISION.
Mr. R. G. HEATH, 13, Eastcote Rd., South Harrow: PACE THAT KILLS—DRIVES "THE MORAL" HOME.
Mr. F. WINSOMTYME, c.o Handley's Stores, Lr. Broughton Rd., Manchester: STILL DOING IT—MORE THAN LEAGUE—PRINCE.
Mr. W. THOMSON, 35, Minson St., Fulham Rd., S.W.6: FAST—GRUNDY, TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS.
Miss M. FISHER, 272, Broad St., Teddington: WHAT MINERS' FANCY—DIDN'T INCLUDE KHAKI EVIDENTLY.
Mr. J. DOHERTY, 2, Cameron St., Dublin: A GREAT TRIAL—OF STRIKER'S LOYALTY—PAY-DAY.
Mr. O. ARKLE, Paddock Hall, Choppington, Northumberland: PACE THAT KILLS—POTMAN'S LAST FIVE MINUTES.
Mr. W. GARDNER, 198, St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, N.: LAW AND ORDER—THE FORCES LENIN FEARS.
Mr. H. HOBBY, Stoneleigh House, Kenfig Hill, Glam.: SWEETS OF OFFICE—MAKE THE UNEMPLOYED "SICK."
Mr. J. GORDON, 16, Hamilton Rd., Rutherglen, Scotland: A GREAT TRIAL—OF HONESTY—RETURNING INCOME.

List of 10s. Prize-winners in "Bullets" Competition 396 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and other Prize-winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

BULLETS RULES. 1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duplicated on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex.

The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 6s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal Representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To be Retained by Newsagent.

To.....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed.....

Address.....

Nov. 27, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found inside the paper, and post it to JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my Home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this Insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address.....

Signature of Insured.....

(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)
Home Address:.....

Nov. 27, 1920.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

£1,500 FOOTBALL PRIZE

MUST BE WON

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

THE sum of £1,500 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 14 matches given. If 14 correct results are not given, the £1,500 will be awarded to the sender of the most correct results, so that in any event the £1,500 **MUST BE WON.** This is the

BIGGEST MUST-BE-WON FOOTBALL PRIZE EVER OFFERED

We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. Scottish and Irish readers can compete. Competitors may send in as many coupons as they like.

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL."

Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of "John Bull" announcing this competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,500 (fifteen hundred pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct result of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £1,500 will be paid to the competitor sending in coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,500. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win place an X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than December 9th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: Football Competition No. 14, "JOHN BULL," 31, Shorts Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

THE RESULT OF OUR TWELFTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION APPEARS ON PAGE 6.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, December 11th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, December 9th.

Home Team		Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
Arsenal	v.	Chelsea			
Bradford	v.	Manchester U.			
Burnley	v.	Liverpool			
Derby County	v.	Blackburn R.			
Sheffield U.	v.	Tottenham H.			
Sunderland	v.	W. Bromwich A.			
Barnsley	v.	Bristol City			
Coventry City	v.	Birmingham			
Fulham	v.	Clapton Orient			
Wolverh'ton W.	v.	S. Shields			
Brentford	v.	Luton Town			
Grimsby Town	v.	Southampton			
Norwich City	v.	Millwall			
Portsmouth	v.	Merthyr Town			

☞ **Coupons must be cut—not torn out**

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

(14)

SIGNED .....

ADDRESS .....

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For over 40 years a reliable remedy for Pains in the Back, Lumbago, Dropsy, Gravel, Bright's Disease of the Kidneys, Gout, Wind and Water Ailments, Sciatica and Rheumatism.

HOLDROYDS PILLS

HUNDREDS OF TESTIMONIALS.
All Chemists, 1/3 Post Free 14 Stamps
PREPARED ONLY AT
HOLDROYD'S MEDICAL HALL,
CLECKHEATON, Yorks.

In the heart of the Woollen Industry!

THIS is where you should buy your Woollens, direct from the mill where they are manufactured.

MILL PRICES — Here you get the advantage of the low cost of wool and weaving, i.e. manufacturer's guarantee of quality, plus the mill profit, all of which goes to you. Send for our

FREE PATTERNS No. III.

57/6 per pair Full Size 60 by 80 in. — Guaranteed All Wool **BLANKETS** beautifully soft downy and warm. Exceptional value.

12/9 each All Sizes. — Angola Wool **SHIRTS** fits to the best style & unshrinkable. A fine range of stripe designs available.

3/6 yd. 30 in. wide. — All Wool **FLANNEL** suitable for Ladies' and Children's Nightdresses etc. Gents' Shirts, etc. Plain cream and striped designs.

2/10 yd. 30 in. wide. — Angola **FLANNEL** Best quality, guaranteed unshrinkable. Large variety of stripe designs.

Send to-day for **FREE PATTERNS No. III.**
All goods sent carriage paid, and if you are dissatisfied — with them we will refund your money in full. —

G. R. G. BRADBURY Dept. 44 Manufacturers Huddersfield

49%

Fashionable well tailored Gent's Overcoats, heavy and medium weight Fleeces in Brown, Dark Grey and other shades. Double breasted with belted back, or single breasted without belt. Both very smart styles.

Everyone who has seen these Coats say they are simply marvellous value. And so they are—no other Firm in the world could supply the same high quality at anything like the price. We have numbers of letters from delighted customers saying that they see Coats in shops at twice the price and ours are every bit as good. And the reason is that we are cutting out the middlemen and selling direct from the factory at wholesale prices. The retail price would be at least 75/- Don't send any money—simply send a postcard asking for fashion styles, patterns and self-measurement forms. It is the greatest bargain ever offered.

In all-wool Coatings, smart check effects, very effective stripes, self-coloured Heather Cloths in "honey" shades; Fawn, Purple, Saxe Blue (three shades), Moss Green (two shades), Crushed Strawberry, Heather Brown, Mauve, Light Grey and Dark Grey and Black. Stock sizes to fit 34, 36 and 38 in. round bust, and 42, 44, 46 in. long.

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The finest stocks in London to choose from, and every article of GUARANTEED QUALITY!

SPECIAL REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT.

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(Showrooms on First Floor.)

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OF SHEFFIELD

Gives our customers cash back in Coupons, upon Corsets, Parasols, Umbrellas, Gramophones, etc., Collections of Plate, Wood Goods, Prayer Books and Children's Clothing. Blind Cords, Sunblinds and Shades. Tie and Trouser Presses, Overcoats, Rugs, Mackintoshes, Sports Garments, Cycles, Tyres, Cutlery, Razors, Scissors, etc. Send for Free Illustrated Catalogue and Coupon Leaflet.

FREE

"MILES AHEAD OF SOAP"

GRE-SOLVENT

For the hands and the clothes. In Tins at 4½d., 8d., and 1/9.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS.

15,000 PAIRS ARMY SOCKS.

(Grey) Guaranteed all-wool. Brand New.

2/9 per pair 3 pairs for 7/-, 26/- per doz. pairs. All carriage paid.

CURRIE'S STORES (Dept. A.) 29, Downing St., Manchester.

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